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£10 million in bank account

AM accuses Vale Council of 'hoarding' tenants' rent

THE Vale Council has defended itself after being accused of "hoarding around £10 million" in its housing revenue account – cash that can only be spent on council house repairs.

The charge came from Plaid Cymru Regional AM Chris Franks, who wants to know why this cash is not being spent on vital housing work on some of the council's 3,950 homes.

The Plaid AM said, "It is right to have some funds in reserve to cope with unexpected spending. However this is a huge sum. At the same time, there is a repairs backlog that needs addressing."

Mr Franks said that his calculations suggested that the reserves in 2008 were £6.2 million, increasing to £7.2 million in 2009, and £10m in 2010.

He said: "Therefore, over this period there has been a growth of nearly £4 million."

Mr Franks said that he feared that the failure to spend the money was tied in with the council's plan to transfer its housing stock to the proposed Heritage Coast Homes organisation – a plan that is currently subject to consultation.

Tony Jaques, the Vale Council's head of public housing services, confirmed that money in the housing revenue account was "ring fenced" and could only be used to pay for services to council tenants.

He added that the council currently spends a minimum of £3m each year on providing repairs and maintenance to its 3,950 council-owned homes, and then a further £2.7m per year on major improvements such as replacing central heating systems or providing double glazed windows.

However, Coun Franks said that it was wrong to let the account increase. He said: "Tenants have paid this money and it's wrong to leave properties in poor conditions.

"It seems to me that the Vale council should be pumping money into the local economy now, and not wait for years before doing anything.

"With unemployment a problem, there are builders crying out for work."

He said he suspected that the reason for letting the cash build up was that it would make the council's housing stock more attractive in the event of the transfer going ahead.

However, Tony Jaques said that the Welsh Assembly's Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) programme meant that more "non-maintenance' cash needed to be put aside – although he declined to specify the amount.

He said: "Over the past few years the council has prudently put aside some of its non-maintenance monies in preparation for the WHQS programme commencing.

"In the event of tenants saying no to transfer, this money will be used in its entirety to support WHQS.

"In the event of tenants voting in favour of transfer, this money remains as an asset to the council and will offset the impact of transfer. Money has not been set aside to fund any campaigns."

Council plans to sell off its properties in Eastgate

THE Vale Council is looking to cash in at Cowbridge by selling valuable property in the town centre.

The sale has been on the cards since the council closed the cash office in the town, in March 2010. Now, members of the Vale Council cabinet were asked to rubber stamp the sale at a cabinet meeting yesterday (Wednesday).

The report asked that the land and buildings known as 79 Eastgate, Cowbridge, be declared surplus to the council's requirements, and that the director of Finance, ICT and Property be authorised to negotiate terms and conditions for the disposal of the buildings and land.

The report goes on to explain that 79, Eastgate consists of three buildings, the former Citizens Advice Bureau office (situated at the rear of the building), a demountable unit (located in the rear garden) and the main office building which fronts the public highway.

As well as the cash office, other office space was occupied by the Registrars service (which moved out earlier in 2010 due to lack of visitors) and social services, who moved out last month.

The report says that savings based on running costs during 2009/10 are likely to be around £31,000. The figure excludes any additional security arrangements that may be incurred.

ABOVE: The late Andy De Quidt with some of the happy youngsters on a World at Play expedition – Andy described the experience as "the highlight of his life".

ABOVE: Michael Emery, the founder of the Vale charity 'World at Play'.

VALE 'WORLD AT PLAY' CHARITY'S AUCTION WILL HELP NEEDY CHILDREN

by TIM CHAPMAN

A Vale charity founded by a former Cowbridge pupil, which enhances the lives of disadvantaged children through the medium of play, has persuaded leading Welsh artists to provide artworks for a grand charity auction on September 17.

Michael Emery (28) was inspired to launch 'World at Play' after he saw how outdoor activities and play could transform the lives of youngsters who arrived at Atlantic College during the summer holidays.

"During my university years, I used to come back to Atlantic College every summer and help with all types of children, some local, some from farther afield, and they used to do activities like swimming, canoeing, and orienteering.

"I learnt if you are to educate, nuture and support children, that sport and play is a tremendous way to help.

"When I started 'World at Play', the idea was to target children who don't have the same opportunities as those in Wales.

"In 2003, I came home to Wales and set up the charity – I was fortunate to have support from my family and friends – my father said: 'If you do it, we will support you'."

The charity organises trips to care homes and orphanages in Eastern Europe.

In the spring of 2011, 12 young people between the ages of 17 and 27 will be selected to take part in the latest three-month long expedition in which they will live and work with disadvantaged children in countries that will include Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia, Romania and Turkey.

The team aims to engage with more than 7,000 children during the trip, teaching them to express themselves and extend themselves through the medium of sport and play.

Each team member will raise their own funds prior to the expedition to cover their personal travelling costs. The team will spend approximately one week at each of 10 or so orphanages. On leaving, the team will donate £1,500 of play and sports equipment to each orphanage that can be used to bring happiness to the children long after the expedition has made its way back to the United Kingdom.

The auction is being held to raise funds to buy the play equipment the team will take.

Perhaps the greatest testimony to the power that 'World at Play' can exert in enthusing youngsters was written by Andy De Quidt, one of Michael's friends from London.

Michael explained: "In 2006, I passed over the charity to Andy to run. He sadly died of cancer in the summer of 2009. In a letter to his church in Kingston-upon-Thames before he died, he said 'World at Play' was incredibly important to him and the highlight of his life. He said it had to continue."

Michael is the director of another international children's charity based in London, but is anxious to see World at Play fulfil its latest mission – hence the auction, held appropriately at St Donat's Arts Centre, where in a sense it all began.

"Times are tight in Wales and the UK, but this event has demonstrated the generosity of the Welsh art industry, which has stepped forward to support children from round the world."

A number of Wales' foremost artists have donated works to the prestigious contemporary art auction.

The charity's patron is Ieuan Evans of Wales and the British Lions.

The evening will begin with a champagne reception at 7pm and the auction will start at 7.30pm. Viewings can be made from 5pm on the day (September 17) and local auctioneer, Andrew Thomas from Herbert R Thomas, has kindly agreed to be the 'resident' auctioneer for the evening.

If you are a serious collector of Welsh art, please email your ticket request to sue.brittain@cosgroup.co.uk or telephone Sue during business hours on 01446 418013 as numbers will be limited. The advice is to apply early to avoid disappointment!

Glowing tributes are paid to 'respected' local solicitor

WARM tributes have been paid to a popular and well-respected Vale solicitor who drowned in Cardiff Bay on Sunday evening.

It is believed that Mr Colin Jones (52) of Colin Jones Solicitors in Thompson Street, Barry, fell into the water during a night out with friends.

People who knew Mr Jones within the justice system were quick to recall a man who was respected by those who met him.

Dave Taylor, the chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan Magistrates' Bench, told The GEM: "It was such a shock to hear of the sudden and tragic passing of Colin. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to his family, friends and colleagues at this very sad time.

"Like many of my colleague magistrates, I have known Colin for some years in his capacity as a defence solicitor.

"He was an active and very popular participant in the life of the court and well respected by all who knew him, defendants, prosecutors, and magistrates – in fact all court users.

"He was professional to the core in his relationship with us and always fair and objective in the way he treated his clients.

"He will be a great loss to the people of Barry."

Coun Gordon Kemp, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "I worked with Colin many years ago and had the greatest respect for him as a solicitor.

"He was a hard worker, dedicated to his profession, and was respected by all who knew him.

"My sympathies go out to his family, friends and colleagues at this sad time."

South Wales Police confirmed earlier in the week that the main emergency services, along with the Harbour Patrol, Penarth RNLI, and the Coastguard, had gone to Cardiff Bay at approximately 10.20pm on Sunday evening when there was a report that a man had fallen into the water from a boat.

A spokeswoman said: "Medical treatment was administered at the scene. However, despite these efforts, the male was subsequently pronounced deceased.

"His family have been informed and the incident is not being treated as suspicious."

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Readers' Letters

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'Hounded out of local party'

IT is with great sadness that I read of Coun Richard Bertin's decision to resign from the Labour Party.

It is clear that he has been victimised and hounded out of the party he once so passionately believed in. Many members have witnessed this from the sidelines.

Richard has always done his best to represent the people of Court ward, Barry and has campaigned tirelessly for his constituents.

The Labour Party was once known as a broad church and had tolerance at its heart, but I fear that is no longer true in the Vale of Glamorgan!

(Name and address supplied)

Really a mystery?

WITH reference to reports of a mystery object in the sky over the Vale, it appears that many sightings were made and both my wife and I watched the object as it hovered over the vicinity of the airport for some time.

Clearly, all activity would be monitored on radar, especially on the approach flightpath.

Can this object really be a mystery ?

Perhaps air traffic controllers could comment to put this matter to rest, or this sighting will just serve to add further fuel to the UFO debate ?

Rob Taylor,
Barry

'Put your dog on a lead'

LAST Sunday morning, I went for my usual walk through the woods from Nant Talwg to Porthkerry Park.

My walk was very peaceful and quiet until I encountered a couple walking along the path towards me with a small brown and white wire haired dog.

I acknowledged them with a 'good morning' and suddenly the small dog barked at me, jumped up and bit my leg, piercing my skin through my thick jeans.

I was absolutely shocked because I had hardly noticed the dog until it barked.

The week before, I had my small grandson walking with me – can you imagine what might have been the consequences?

If the elderly couple who own this dog read my letter, please realise that your dog is dangerous, and should have a muzzle or be on a lead when out in public areas, before a tragedy happens.

Julie Thomas,
Barry

'Show buses were hampered by lack of a one-way system'

EST was contracted by the Vale Council to operate four bus services to the Vale Show.

The one-way system agreed in advance for all traffic was not implemented on the day.

On attempting to use the system agreed, the buses became bogged down in the temporary road inside the show ground, which resulted in the first services running late.

All subsequent buses were forced, therefore, to come in and out of the same entrance as the queuing public traffic, which further increased the late running of the services.

In an attempt to reduce the delays, additional vehicles were brought in to use which were not funded by the council or show organisers.

The operation of these extra services resulted in a loss for EST, as EST absorbed all the extra cost for the provision of the extra vehicles.

The timetable was set and designed by the council and not EST, and stated that long delays may occur.

It is EST's intention to recommend that next year a dedicated entrance in and out of the Vale Show for the buses (bus lane), or a temporary bus stop be placed on the main road outside the show ground. We will also recommend that two vehicles be used on the C1 service due to passenger volume.

If all these recommendations are fulfilled for next year, we anticipate that all services will run as scheduled.

EST would like to apologise to all passengers who had difficulties using the services to the show ground.

EST made every effort both before and on the day to organise and run the service as scheduled.

Mark Harris,
(EST Operations Director)

WHY NO BARRY COUNCILLORS ON REGENERATION BOARD?

I REFER to the article headed 'Town regeneration needs to be more imaginative, says local Vale councillor' (The GEM, July 15).

It refers to the Barry regeneration area that has been created to coordinate all regeneration-related activities in Barry and to engage with the public and private sectors, as well as voluntary bodies.

A programme board is to be established and was due to meet on July 14. The likely members on that board appear to be; two representatives from the Welsh Assembly Government who will chair the meetings, two representatives from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and four members from community interest groups.

I understand the members from the community groups are suggested to be from; Pride in Barry, Newydd Housing Association, Barry College, and the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services.

Can somebody please let the Barry electorate know why no 'elected Barry councillors' are involved; who decided upon the so-called Barry 'community groups' and why, and how many people living in Barry are on the programme board?

The only elected member of the board appears to be a councillor from "Peterston-Super-Ely", a fine chap I'm sure, but not a representative of the Barry community. Let us hope this board is not just a reconstitution of "Barry in Action" because we can see their legacy all around us and it should not be repeated.

One of the reasons I am a keen supporter of FocusBARRY is because representation like this has got to stop. People who represent the Barry community should be accountable to the people of Barry and not just selected by some unknown person or process.

Brian Osborne,
Illtyd Ward

Health and safety, or way to avoid work?

HAVING read The GEM's recent article on litter-picking in Llansannor, I have the greatest sympathy for Mrs Clancy.

I, too, have been told, not only by the Vale Council, that certain activities cease to be carried out because of health and safety concerns.

My view is that health and safety 'excuses' are too often used to avoid tasks. We all accept that staff should be able to work in a healthy and safe environment, but where will this end up?

We pay £2,000 annually in council tax and envy those areas where litter-picking is carried out daily.

Perhaps when those areas not serviced attract vermin, we will see what health and safety the public will receive.

We hope Mrs Clancy, who is showing her pride for her area, continues to pick up litter – if only for her and her family's health and safety.

Mr and Mrs WT Lloyd, Treoes

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 9)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
02 Thur			12.16	7.8
03 Fri	00.57	7.6	13.39	7.5
04 Sat	02.31	7.4	15.14	7.7
05 Sun	04.01	7.9	16.38	8.4
06 Mon	05.13	8.8	17.35	9.3
07 Tues	06.06	9.4	18.28	10.0
08 Wed	06.58	10.1	19.14	10.6
09 Thur	07.39	10.4	19.56	10.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide tablespecific to their location.

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'OPEN DAY' IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 11

Invitation is issued to view Llanblethian Church Hall

by TIM CHAPMAN

"THE hall will be good for another 100 years" – that is the verdict of the chairman of Llanblethian Church Hall committee as the building throws opens its doors for a special 'Open Day' on September 11.

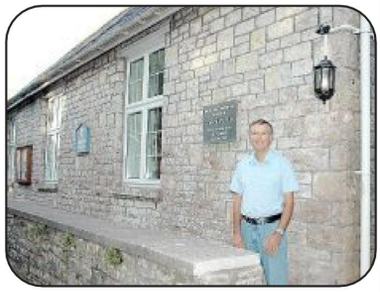
Richard Norris told The GEM: "There is a new roof, a refurbished oak floor, a century old wooden ceiling which has been restored to its former glory and a new kitchen.

"The renovation started in April and lasted for three months.

"Without the funding from Creative Rural Communities and the rural regeneration unit of the Vale Council, the hall would have fallen into total disrepair and would have had to be closed down, losing a vital service to the local community.

"Jane Williams and Creative Rural Communities were so helpful, always in touch to check how things were progressing.

"Funding was received through the Rural Development Plan for Wales which is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development."



ABOVE: Richard Norris, chairman of Llanblethian Church Hall committee, outside the renovated hall, and (below) the refurbished interior.

The open day will run from 12noon to 4pm, and people are invited to come along and enjoy refreshments, including wine and canapés, and see the transformation for themselves

Richard said the building was now fit for another century of service to the community of Llanblethian, Cowbridge and the surrounding area.

"It is the perfect place for our flourishing programme of meetings and activities, and we are proud to be able to let out the church hall for private parties, events, clubs and organisations to young and old alike."

"Support was also received from the Jane Hodge Foundation, Barclays Bank in Cowbridge, the Mr and Mrs JT Morgan Foundation in Swansea, the All Churches Trust Ltd, the Cowbridge Institute Educational Trust, the Cowbridge with Llanblethian United Charities, the Rotary Club of Cowbridge, the Evan Jenkins Charity, along with Barclays Bank in Cowbridge which match-funded the monies raised at the spring supper at the hall.

Richard added: "September 11 will be an opportunity to show our appreciation for all the support and hard work involved in the refurbishment provided by the church hall committee members."

Extra costs on viaduct

THE Vale Council has been told that it needs extra cash this financial year to complete work on the Cowbridge viaduct – an extra £45,000 this year and an unspecified amount next year.

At a cabinet meeting of the Vale Council yesterday (Wednesday), members were asked to authorise an extra £45,000 budget in the 2010/11 Capital Programme, to be funded from the visible services maintenance fund.

The cabinet was also told that further drainage works needed at the site are still being investigated but it is not anticipated that these works will be started in this financial year.

A bid will be made for additional funding when the estimated costs are known.

COWBRIDGE BRIDGE CLUBS

THE latest bridge club results in Cowbridge are as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club, Monday, August 12: 1st, Barbara Easterbrook and Margaret Bancroft 60.51 per cent; 2nd, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams 60.23; 3rd, Terry Reilly and John Evans 59.94; 4th, Sue Summerhayes and David Stephenson 58.85; 5th, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox 57.67; 6th, David Wright and John Raymond 56.25.

Cowbridge and District Bridge Club, Tuesday, August 24: 1st, Barbara and Colin Easterbrook 64.17 per cent; 2nd, Amy Owen and Debbie Rosevear 62.50; 3rd, Teri Pollard and David Wright 58.75; 4th, Pat and Brian Swain 57.92; 5th, Marian East and Pauline McAllen 56.67; 6th, Ann Miller and Judy Springett 55.83.

Choral Society is ready to resume singing!

COWBRIDGE Choral Society will be starting back for the autumn term on Thursday, September 16 at 8pm in the United Free Church Hall.

(Please note the new temporary start time and slightly different venue due to the fact that repairs will be carried out in the church at that time).

The society was formed in 1983 and is now conducted by Mrs Carole Lloyd and accompanist Geoffrey Howell.

In the last 27 years, many choral works have been performed and in recent years, they have added a variety of songs sung in English, Welsh, French and German, and also songs from popular stage shows.

We are earnestly searching for new members in all voices, but particularly tenors and basses.

You need not audition, but if you know you can sing in tune, you enjoy singing, would like to join a friendly bunch of ladies and gentlemen and can promise a more or less regular attendance, please either come along on September 16 or after that if you are still on holiday.

Please feel free to check out our website: www.cowbridgechoralsociety.co.uk

You are welcome to telephone 01446 796945, (chairman) 01446 792175, (vice-chairperson) or 01446 774156 for more information.

The ability to read music is an advantage but not essential."

CG

Where ghost of Charles I walks the corridors!

YSTRADOWEN AND DISTRICT WI NEWS

THE ladies from Ystradowen and District WI enjoyed a lovely day out on August 18.

We left Ystradowen at 9am and travelled to Tetbury, a delightful market town in Gloucestershire. Unfortunately, the coach driver got a little lost and deprived us of time for retail therapy in Tetbury. However, we all found a venue for a relaxed morning coffee.

We then travelled the short distance to Chavenage House. The house dates back to the time of Elizabeth I and, amazingly, since that time, has been owned and lived in by only two families.

The house is owned now by David and Rhona Lowsley-Williams and is run with the help of their son and two daughters, Caroline and Joanna.

Joanna does the in-house catering and provided a lovely buffet which was enjoyed by all.

After lunch, David Lowsley-Williams took us on a guide of their lovely home. He was very entertaining and we enjoyed his tales of the history of the house and the anecdotes of his own family's time at Chavenage.

The house was given to him and his bride as a wedding gift more than 50 years ago and his entire family, including all his grandchildren, live and work on the estate. How wonderful is that!

An interesting feature of the house is the Cromwell Room where it is claimed Oliver Cromwell once slept. The walls are adorned with a wonderful tapestry, very well preserved given its age.

There is a legend of Chavenage that claims that the headless ghost of Charles I arrived at the house to claim the body of the then owner Col Stephens.

On departure, the coach disappears in a fireball at the gates of the Manor House.

Chavenage has been used for many and varied TV productions, including Hercule Poirot, House of Elliot and Lark Rise to Candleford.

We so enjoyed the tour and felt we must have had the most entertaining guide.

After enjoying a final cup of tea, we started our journey home. No delays this time and we had a good return journey.

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Farmers' market visitors see new arrivals at farm

STALLHOLDERS and 'Friends of Cowbridge Farmers Market' visited Pwllywrach Farm, Colwinston to see the Angus suckler herd with their young calves, born from June to August. A most interesting talk was given by Richard and Chris Edwards. (PHOTOGRAPH BY HEATHER MARCH).

War veteran's TV 'role'

A LLANTWIT MAJOR man was recently featured in a popular BBC TV programme – and his contribution brought back memories of one of the most fiercely-fought battles of World War Two.

The programme was the popular *Who Do You Think You Are?,* where celebrities trace their family history, and the August 16 edition featured the *Spooks* actor, Rupert Penry-Jones.

Bob Clarke from Boverton was the local man who appeared, as the production crew took the actor on a journey through his family history.

Bob was chosen to guide the actor through the part played by his grandfather, who served at Monte Cassino – a bloody campaign where the Allied forces tried to break though heavy German fortifications as they fought their way from the south of Italy to the north.

The programme had discovered that the actor's grandfather had served as a doctor in the 8th Army Indian Division Medical Corps.

As Bob had served in the campaign, and also because he is a member of the Monte Cassino Society, he was asked to explain the conditions faced by the soldiers to Rupert Penry-Jones.

Monte Cassino has a particular resonance because the battlefield was dominated by a historic monastery on the summit of Monte Cassino, which Allied troops came to believe was a perfect vantage point for the Germans.

Eventually, the Allies bombed the monastery, and the arguments over whether this was justified continue to the present day.

Bob Clarke's contribution to the programme, however, centred on what the conditions for soldiers were like, and on how the medical corps would have coped.

Filming was delayed because of the volcanic ash cloud crisis.

As a result, it was May before Bob could fly to Italy, and then it was a whistle-stop trip, leaving Llantwit Major on a Wednesday morning, and then flying from Heathrow to Italy.

Reason for poor bowling... 'Floor wasn't straight!'

AT the August meeting of the Cowbridge Friendship Club, which comes under the umbrella of the Age Cymru Good Neighbour Scheme, volunteers and members alike were vying for a place on the teams all set to play armchair bowls.

After a short warm up, the elected members were prepared to start the game.

Very fierce competition was underway, with the red team on one side and the blue team on the other, when a bowl went astray. There were all sorts of excuses about the light, but the most common excuse from both teams was that the floor was not straight.

Even the referee was coming under fire – especially from the more energetic bowlers who must have taken some hints from the professionals.

Time was going on with both teams aiming to win, but the thought of their afternoon tea and cakes started to slow them down. The Red Team of Betty Hume, Elizabeth Reid and Thelma Lawrence were the eventual winners over the Blue Team, consisting of Betty Pugh, Peggy Powell and Glesni Dando, who gave them a run for their money.

It is hoped that for the September meeting the members will enjoy an afternoon out at Cosmeston Lakes when (fingers crossed) the weather will be kind to them.

If anyone is interested in meetings held on the last Thursday of the month, we would like to hear from you. We can assure you of a very warm welcome. If you (or anyone you know) are interested, please ring 01656 668446.

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New owner of Old Brewery uncovers treasure trove!

Report by PHILIP IRWIN

MEMBERS of two local pool and darts leagues could be reunited with long lost trophies – after they were discovered by the new owner of the Old Brewery public house.

The pub, in Eglwys Brewis Road, has been closed for around five years, and was recently bought by Dave Boyter, who has plans to convert it into a hotel and restaurant.

It was while Mr Boyter was looking over the property, that he discovered a collection of trophies, dated between 1994 and 2005.

He was wondering what to do with them when, one evening, he popped into the nearby Carpenters Arms pub.

Quite by chance, he struck up a conversation with Stuart Mackie, a regular at the pub, and told him what he had found in the Old Brewery.

As Stuart is the new chairman of the Llantwit and District Pool League, and a former regular at the Old Brewery, he knew exactly what they were.

He told The GEM: "In fact, I tried for about six months to collect them when the Old Brewery closed.

"I rang the owners, but had no luck at all getting through to anyone who could help."

In time, Stuart forgot about the lost trophies – until his chance meeting with Dave Boyter. As a result, a meeting was arranged to officially hand over the treasure trove.

There are trophies for the local darts league, and also for the pool league.

Judging by the dates of the silverware, some had been won in the 2005 season, and were probably still awaiting collection by the winners when the pub closed.

Also in the collection are a number of personal tankards. One commemorates 'Tony's First Half century', while another is inscribed 'To Dad on your 50th, from Chris and Linda'.

Another says 'To Roger the Dodger, from all the mob at C & G Bridges'.

Intriguingly, there is a 1966 trophy to the RAFC, for the 'Head of the River Race'.

Stuart said: "I can return most of the trophies to their rightful owner by checking the records. However, the personal items are going to be a bit more difficult."

Dave Boyter, who is a builder, has bought the Old Brewery through his company, Paddle Homes, and he told The GEM: "My original plan was to redevelop the building as a 14-room hotel.

"However, since I have learned more about the history of the Old Brewery, I think it could have potential as a heritage attraction.

"I have had talks with the Assembly's tourism unit, and there may be grant aid available for that."

He explained that it might be one of the Vale's oldest breweries, dating back to 1906, when it was called, so he understands, The Old Eagle Brewery.

He said: "Tourism officers have suggested that we could open a micro brewery and a brewing heritage centre as well, so that is a possibility. It would link in to plans to develop Llantwit's history tourism

"The next round of grant applications are due to be decided on in October, so I should get a decision then."

He added that if the heritage grant aid was not forthcoming, he would revert to the original plan for a hotel.

Do any of the tankard inscriptions ring a bell? If so, contact Philip Irwin at The GEM on 01446 774484.

Dave Boyter (left) with Stuart Mackie and the lost trophies.

ABOVE: Two of the impressive trophies.

AM impressed on stroll through local vineyard

ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM with Mr and Mrs Norris and the llamas at Glyndwr Vineyard

"GLYNDWR Vineyard is a winner for Wales!" said Vale AM Jane Hutt, following her visit to the vineyard at Llanblethian.

The AM was visiting the local vineyard to meet Mr and Mrs Norris, who have developed and managed the family business for the past two decades, providing a distinctive Welsh wine.

On a tour, she was "impressed" with the variety and abundance of vines.

"I was pleased to find out more about the way we can support and promote this excellent Welsh product which will be exhibited and on sale at the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival, " she commented.

"I am sure we can promote this distinctive Welsh product further in Wales, the UK and abroad."

Charity Zumbathon at Gathering Place!

THE Gathering Place at St Athan will be host to the first Charity Zumbathon in the Vale of Glamorgan on September 24 (from 6pm - 9pm).

Led by Janine D'arcy of Fresh Fitness, the c three-hour session will prove to be not just calorie-burning, body-energising and awe-inspiring, but an absolute 'blast' she says.

Janine has always had a love for teaching things that are different - along with personal training and general fitness classes she enjoys teaching Nia and Nordic Walking and more recently Zumba.

" I am so excited about Zumba - It is a party atmosphere throughout the sessions and the moves are easy to follow so truly anyone can join in. It really is a one of a kind fitness session," Janine insists.

"In past years, the Zumba programme has become nothing short of a revolution, spreading like wildfire, and positioning itself as the single most influential movement in the industry of fitness.

"Millions of people all around the world are already participating - here is your chance to give it a go!"

Proceeds from the Zumbathon event will help the charity 'Harambee For Kenya' install mains water for a village of 550 people near Mombasa in eastern Kenya.

The village consists of around 130 mud huts, with around 200 adults and 350 children. It lacks the basics of running water, sanitation and electricity.

Barry-based project coordinator Eric Toll explains: "We see providing mains water as a basic resource which the villagers could never afford on their own.

The project includes 220 metres of pipe to reach the village, two standpipes with taps in the centre of the village and a water tower with a tank. The water project will also enable a future project to build a shower block to deliver basic sanitation.

"The project is 100percent 'Direct-To-Source' – every penny raised will go directly to the water project."

For more information, contact Janine on 07974 577 514, or by email fresh.fitness@hotmail.co.uk

ABOVE: Janine D'arcy invites you to a charity Zumbathon!

LETTER FROM AMERICA...

I HAVE read with great interest an article that recently appeared in The GEM in which my friend, Mr Godfrey Knight, proposes 'twinning' the Vale or Barry with Haiti, and I am writing to support his proposal and encourage the Vale Council to act upon it.

As you know, the earthquake that destroyed Haiti was monstrous, and the damage and loss of life is unbelievable. Worldwide, the response has been kind, but is fading into memory.

I have another friend, who has just returned after he and his family spent nine weeks of 12-16 hours per day working with the people of a small town in Haiti to rebuild their lives.

In discussing Mr Knight's twinning proposal with him, he suggests that the Vale Council might wish to consider a narrower scope of focus than the entire country of Haiti, or the very large city of Port au Prince.

Many other communities were either destroyed or severely damaged, and have received little or no aid from the outside world.

The town in which my friend laboured is named Pignon, and the people there are desperate. The contact in Pignon is Dr Guy Theodore, and his email address is HH5GT@aol.com

As a retired superintendent of schools of Mineral Point, Wisconsin, I can speak very positively of the twinning concept, because our town (Mineral Point) and Redruth, Cornwall, UK, have been successfully twinned for many, many years.

Although I no longer reside there, I can attest to the enormous personal, social and cultural advantages that twinning has brought to the members of both communities.

In summation, I salute and endorse concern and compassion for the children suffering from this tragedy, and urge the Vale council to step forward and make a real difference in the lives of many by twinning itself with the town of Pignon.

Vincent, J Smith,
Robins, Iowa, USA

'Still no reply to my questions!'

I REFER to my e-mail of August 3, 2010, which you kindly printed verbatim and wish to express my disappointment in that to date only one person in Cowbridge has so far supported me in writing to The GEM.

A few other residents have verbally agreed with my comments, but as usual the Town Council and Vale councillors have remained silent.

It was noticed that earlier in the year they had all awarded themselves an increase in salary and expenses of nearly 4 per cent (similar to the increase in our rates!) .

Meanwhile, many of us living on company pensions had no award at all. Could they please refer to my letter to The GEM in the August 5 issue and answer each of my questions?

Brian Swain,
Cowbridge

'Give CADS enough rope' ...and they will act!

THE Cowbridge Amateur Dramatics Society is starting the 2010 autumn season with a production of *Rope,* written by Patrick Hamilton.

Rope is a thriller, and was later made into a film by Alfred Hitchcock.

The action takes place in a Mayfair flat of two students, who have murdered a fellow under-graduate, and hidden his body in a chest.

The director, Camilla Hopkin said: "I'm so pleased with the effort from the cast and crew. Everyone's been working really hard, and it promises to be a fantastic show. "

Rope will run for four nights, from Wednesday, September 8 to Saturday, September 11, in the Market Theatre, Cowbridge.

Tickets will be available on the door, and from WG Davies newsagents on Cowbridge High Street. Doors will open at 7pm. For further information, visit the CADS website, www.market-theatre.com

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ENJOYS A GREAT DAY!

AS was reported in last week's GEM, the Llantwit Major Horticultural Society held a very successful annual fruit and vegetable show recently. Space prevented us printing all the results last week, but listed below are all the remaining prizewinners in the traditional village show categories.
SEE NEXT WEEK'S GEM FOR SOME MORE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WINNERS.

See more pictures of winners next week!

RESULTS

CLASS	First	Second	Third
Vegetables, Fruit			
Dish of three potatoes (coloured)	A Johanson	T Johanson	K Jones
Dish of three potatoes (white)	A Johanson	B Nicholas	T Meakin
Dish of runner beans	R Thomas	R Williams	T Johanson
Five Onions weight 250 grams	A Johanson	T Johanson	T Meakin
Two cabbages			T Candlish
Three dressed onions	R Williams	B Nicholas	K Jones
Three onions as grown	R Williams	B Nicholas	T Meakin
Dish of nine shallots pickling	S Geary		
Dish of nine shallots exhibition	T Meakin	S Geary	A Edwards
Dish of three carrots (stump)	A Johanson		T Candlish
Three beetroot (round)	A Johanson	T Johnason	P Jones
Dish of five tomatoes	A Johanson	R Williams	A Edwards
Dish of five small fruited and cherry tomatoes	R Ponting	L Ponting	K Jones
Brace of cucumbers	C Maisey	A Johanson	T Meakin
Dish of peas	C Maisey	R Thomas	S Geary
Two leeks	R Williams	P Caston	A Edwards
Two heads of lettuce	R Thomas	T Candlish	A Wellsbury
Collection of salad	A Edwards	A Wellsbury	
Collection of six kinds of vegetables	A Johanson	K Pugh	A Wellsbury
Any other vegetable not mentioned in the schedule	B Nicholas	A Wellsbury	R Pugh
Dish of soft fruit	S Geary	L Plenty	A Johanson
Dish of four stone fruit	R Symmonds	A Edwards	J Parsons
Dish of culinary apples	K Powell	K Jones	R Symmonds
Dish of dessert apples	A Symmonds	T Johanson	R Symmonds
Dish of pears	A Symmonds	R Symmonds	
Any other fruit	A Johanson		
Flowers and pot plants			
Vase of cut flowers	C Jones	S Geary	
Vase of chrysanthemums	S Geary	J Simmonite	
Vase of dahlia (decorative)	A Payne	J Simmonite	C Simmonite
Vase of dahlia (pom pom)	A Payne		
Vase of HT roses	A Johanson		
Vase of floribunda roses	B Payne	S Geary	
Three spikes of gladioli	A Payne	K Jones	
Single spike of gladioli	P Jones	K Jones	K Powell
Collection of sweet peas	R Haggard	J Simmonite	C Simmonite
Hanging basket	T Meakin	P Caston	
A planted basket	B Payne		
Standard fuchsia	J Simmonite		
Pot plant in flower	P Jones	R Haggard	J Simmonite
Fushsia in pot	T Johanson	R Haggard	K Powell
Pot of cacti or succulent	S Geary	A Symmonds	
Foliage pot plant	R Haggard	S Geary	D Chapman
Giants			
Heaviest onion	R Williams (2lbs)		
Heaviest marrow	T Plenty ((5lbs)		
Longest runner bean	R Williams and J Parsons		
Novices			
Dish of runner beans	L Whatling	G Whatling	T Meakin
Three carrots	C Veal-Shaw	A Paine	
Dish of three potatoes	T Meakin	A Paine	
Any other vegetable	A Paine	T Meakin	A Paine
Vase of cut flowers	A Paine		
Vase of three gladioli	G Whatling		
Vase of three roses	V Wickenden		
Decorative			
Miniature exhibit of garden flowers	J Jenking	C Jones	B Payne
Exhibit of flowers and foliage	J Jenking	B Payne	K Hibbert
Exhibit of garden foliage	J Jenking	K Hibbert	B Payne
Exhibit of garden flowers	C Jones	S Geary	B Payne
A Christmas table arrangement	A Symmonds	J Jenking	B Payne
Children's displays			
(Age 8-11)			
Miniature arrangement of flowers in an egg cup	Sam Bell		
Miniature garden	Maya Bell		
(Age 12-16)			
Miniature arrangement of fresh garden flowers	Alice Ryan	Catherine Lock	Josh Hurley
Exhibit of garden flowers and foliage	Alice Ryan	Catherine Lock	Josh Hurley
Miniature arrangement of flowers in an egg cup	Catherine Lock		
Animal made from vegetables/fruit	Catherine Lock		
Miniature garden	Catherine Lock		
Draw, name and colour three wild flowers	Catherine Lock		
Home baking, Preserves, Brews			
Boiled fruit cake	M Candlish	A Payne	C Jones
Luscious lemon cake	D Jaymes	M Ross	B Aspinall
Victoria sandwich	J Lazenby	M Ross	C Jones
Bread pudding	K Hibbert	A Payne	M Ross
Jar of chutney	H Meaking	R Pugh	
Jar of marmalade	J Jenking		
A bottle of home brew	A Paine	B Aspinall	B Aspinall

VALE TEENAGER STARS IN US INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT

Anysha lands title that could lead to broadcasting career

by TIM CHAPMAN

LLANGAN starlet Anysha Panesar has won the title of America's Perfect Teen and could be heading for a career in broadcasting!

During her summer visit to America, Anysha (16) was the runner up in the Galaxy International pageant, but followed that up by winning her age group in 'America's Perfect Teen' too.

Anysha told The GEM: "In the first event in Michigan in July, I competed as Miss Teen Europe and was delighted to be named 'the first runner up', and to win the overall awards for both best fashionwear and also best evening gown.

"I then entered one of the largest pageants in America for my age group, America's Perfect Teen. The pageant is part of the Little Miss Perfect series of pageants which had the hit TV series in America with Michael Galanes."

Anysha was the only international competitor at the pageant, and over a period of four days, she competed alongside girls from all over America – from Alaska to Wisconsin – for the coveted title of America's Perfect Teen.

She gave a poised performance in three areas – a live press conference style interview on stage, a TV broadcasting interview, which was recorded, and also a test of modelling, strutting her stuff up and down a catwalk.

Anysha said: "I was delighted to win. The main prize is a full scholarship to the Conneticut School of Broadcasting, which has campuses in eight states of America."

Anysha and her mother Caroline toured the Orlando campus, and Anysha was able to do a live radio broadcast, be a TV news reader and read the sports news.

The Vale teenager is now set for a whirlwind 2010-2011 involving lots of transatlantic flights.

She explained: "I will now need to travel back and forth between Wales and the USA, promoting my title as an international role model for young people.

"I'll also appear at the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York and the Citrus Bowl's New Year celebrations too.

"The pageant has provided some amazing opportunities, and I've already been asked to model in both Atlanta and Orlando's premier fashion shows for spring and summerwear 2011.

"I've also done two photo shoots as America's Perfect Teen."

For her proud mum Caroline, it will involve a lot of organisation and planning over the next 12 months.

Caroline said: "We are preparing ourselves for a busy year ahead. Anysha has also achieved outstanding GCSE results and is starting sixth form at Howell's College!

"I'm not sure yet how she is going to fit everything in – with appearances, her daily blog, her school work and her US commitments – but knowing Anysha, she will take it all in her stride!

Anysha is the pride of the Vale, after picking up the title 'America's Perfect Teen'.

Police investigation launched after sheep is killed by two dogs

POLICE in the Vale have launched an investigation after two dogs killed a sheep – and a man was then seen hurling the dead animal into the sea.

The incident took place on Friday, August 13, at Ogmore by Sea at around 8.30am and involved two men and two dogs. Police have appealed for anyone who may have seen something to come forward.

PC Tom Warren said: "There have been a number of recent instances of dogs worrying sheep in the area. I would like to hear from anyone who may have witnessed this particular incident or who may have any information about it.

"This tragic case highlights how important it is to make sure the public keeps their dogs under control.

"Please be very careful when you are walking your dogs in the countryside – if you live in the country make sure your garden is secure.

"The sheep would have been terrified and in many cases where they have been killed by dogs, they have been literally ripped apart."

PC Warren pointed out that in such incidents there is a significant cost to the farmer, a great deal of distress or harm to the sheep, and legal implications.

"When on enclosed land with livestock, all dogs must be on a lead or be 'under close control'.

"If you allow your dog to worry livestock you may be prosecuted and fined, ordered to pay compensation and even have the dog destroyed.

"I would appeal for all dog owners to consider this and keep dogs on leads and under control at all times when around livestock."

PC Warren also explained that under certain circumstances, land owners are able to take the ultimate sanction in dealing with out-of-control dogs.

"With a few exceptions, the law allows farmers to shoot dogs that are threatening livestock.

"If a dog worries livestock, then the dog's owner or the person responsible for it at the time is guilty of an offence under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 and may be sued for compensation by the farmer.

"The emotional stress for the farmer is considerable and in-lamb ewes will often abort their lambs when worried by dogs.

"Owners have a responsibility to keep their dogs under control – when unsupervised, the friendly family pet can easily turn wolf and cause untold damage."

Mr David Harris, NFU group secretary for Cowbridge and the Vale, told The GEM: "This is a constant problem for farmers and we would urge people not to simply trust their dog, but keep it under control. Dogs don't appreciate the damage they can do."

Anyone with information concerning the incident is asked to contact PC Warren at Llantwit Major police station on 101.

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Hired taxi to carry off loot...

THIEVES STEAL BUCKETLOAD OF ISLAND CASH!

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

CASH totalling £2,700 in pound coins and 10p pieces, was stolen from a Barry amusement arcade and transported away in a bucket.

The thieves, Cardiff Crown Court heard, hired a taxi to carry away their loot, but fortunately, the driver became suspicious.

Justin McGuiness (24) and Rhys Phillips (21) both from Barry, admitted stealing the cash.

McGuiness, who had previous convictions for making off without paying, and handling stolen property, was sentenced to 26 weeks imprisonment, suspended for two years, made subject to a one-year supervision order and directed to carry out 150 hours unpaid work, to be subject to a six-week curfew from 9pm-6am, and to be electronically tagged.

Phillips, who had no previous convictions, and was said to intend joining the army, was sentenced to a community order and to carry out 150 hours unpaid work.

He, too, was made subject to a six-week curfew from 9pm-6am and to be electronically tagged.

Each man was ordered to pay £1,350 to the loser.

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said the money was taken from the safe of the office manager of Stardust Amusement Arcade, Barry Island, on October 15.

Phillips was well-known, having worked there and was a frequent visitor.

He went to the arcade and spoke to the manager who trusted him, and asked to borrow his keys to test the machines. The manager agreed.

He then opened a fire exit door and allowed McGuiness into the premises.

Following this, £2,700 was taken from the safe.

Phillips called a taxi but the driver indicated he thought they were acting suspiciously because of the bucket full of cash they were carrying.

The theft was discovered two days later and Phillips was spotted on CCTV near the manager's office.

The police discovered that substantial amounts of money were paid into Phillips' bank account and there was evidence that the pair had gone together into a bank to pay in money.

"There was also evidence that they went on a shopping spree. None of the money was recovered." said Mr Trigg.

Kim Evans for Phillips, said: "He is wholly ashamed. There was an element of breach of trust. The money was frittered away."

Daniel Williams, representing McGuiness, said: "To a degree it was all planned, but it was quite unsophisticated and they were always going to be captured."

BARRY COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE BACK TO WORK

Left to right standing: Dave Purnell (A4e placement mentor), Leighton Pellow, Daniel Harris, Rob Pritchard (senior ranger at Porthkerry Park), Scott Smith. (From left to right, crouching) Ed Fern, Kyle Williams.

Leading training and recruitment provider, A4e Wales, is helping unemployed people from Barry to gain work experience, while improving the local community by clearing and revamping Porthkerry Park.

The clean-up project, which aims to give the park and the old 18th century mill a new lease of life, provides a group of young people with the chance to gain much-needed skills to enhance their employability.

Working closely with people aged from 18 to 24 who have been unemployed for over six months, A4e Barry supports the young job seekers to source and complete 13 week work placements that benefit the community.

Spending 25 hours a week at Porthkerry Park, each of the eight 18-21-year-olds working on the assignment are from the local area. The project includes repainting benches, bridges, clearing the park from overgrown grass and trees that block pathways, as well as helping to restore an old 18th century mill, the focal point of the park.

During the week, the workers also spend a day at the A4e office where they receive support to find permanent employment by receiving advice on CV writing, interview techniques and job searching.

Scott, aged 20, who is part of the placement ,commented: "At the clearing project, we work five days a week from 9am-2pm. I really enjoy working in a team and find the kind of things we do every day very interesting.

"It has really helped with my timekeeping by getting me in the routine of waking up early every morning and has helped me get used to a working environment.

"At the A4E office we get a lot of support to help us to find a permanent job. With this placement experience and the skills training we get at A4e, my confidence is growing every day and I am already feeling better prepared to find work after the project finishes in October."

Dave Purnell, the placement mentor at the project said: "Before the clearing project, a lot of the guys were working in construction as labourers and, as a result of the cuts, lost their jobs.

"The project keeps them in tune with the working world and supports their job search. By working in a team, they learn a lot from each other and get an opportunity to discuss their different experiences.

"They are also gaining a new outlook on finding a job, for example accepting the fact that in order to find work they may have to open their minds and consider different industries and opportunities."

The project will run until October, after which it is hoped the young workers will be better equipped through the skills learnt and improved CVs to find sustainable employment.

Roadworks report

Canon Street, Barry – temporary traffic control on September 9 while filming takes place.
Pontypridd Street - junction with Mount Pleasant, Barry – footway restriction in place.
Station Terrace, Aberthaw – temporary traffic control.
A4055, Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys Merrie Harrier bus lane – temporary traffic control.
A4055, Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys Merrie Harrier bus lane – temporary traffic control.
Colcot Road/Port Road, Barry public right of way – traffic management.

Council's GCSE joy

EDUCATION chiefs in the Vale are hailing this year's GCSE results as another year of maintaining high standards.

A council spokeswoman said: "Last year's excellent performance at A and A* grades has been sustained, with 23.8 per cent of results falling within these highest categories, compared with the Welsh average of 19.2 per cent.

"There has also been further improvement on last year's figures at A* to C, with 70 pecent of Vale pupils achieving these grades, compared with the Welsh average of 66.4 per cent.

"Overall, a fantastic 98.8 per cent of entries in the Vale achieved an A* to G pass."

Coun Tony Hampton, cabinet member for education and lifelong learning, congratulated pupils and schools on their outstanding results.

He said: "These results are a credit to pupils and reflect the excellence of our teaching staff within the Vale."

Bryan Jeffreys, the director of learning and development, said: "We are indebted to the work of pupils and staff.

"While the headline figures are pleasing, we will analyse the data in detail to reach conclusions about the work which needs to be done to sustain and build upon these successes."

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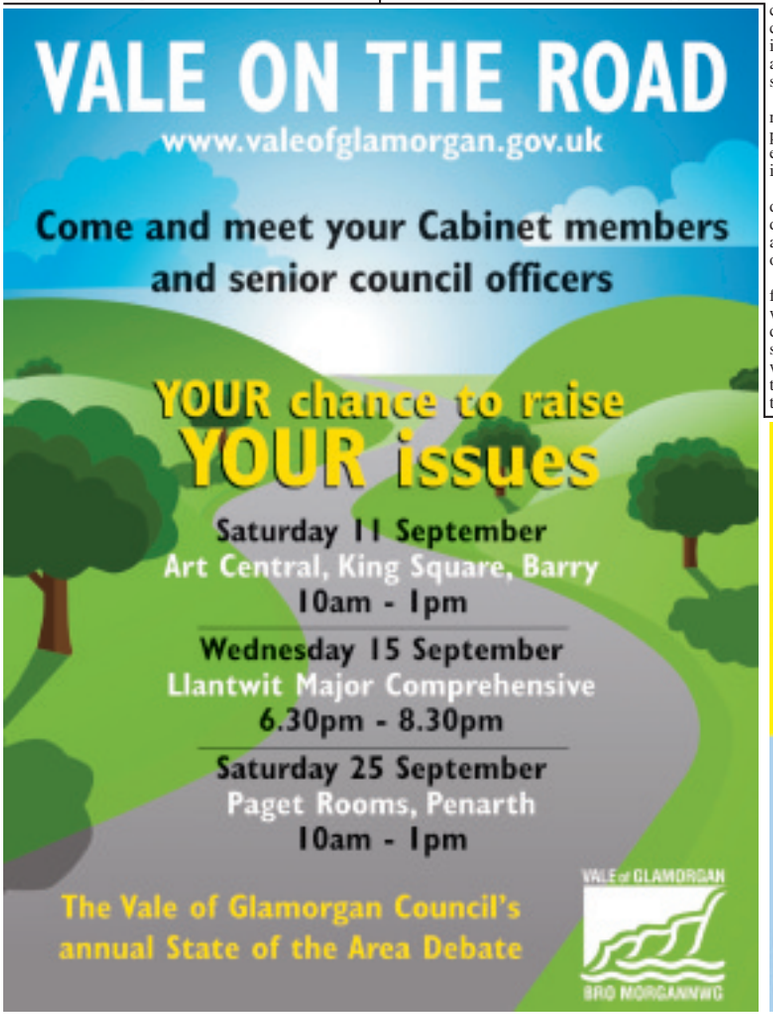


AFTER THE A-LEVEL JOY...

'Phenomenal' rise in Ysgol Bro Morgannwg's GCSE success record

LEFT: Delighted GCSE pupils who all contributed to the school's best ever results of 90 per cent A-C passes in five or more subjects.*

Rhys George achieved 13 GCSEs including 4 A and 8 A grades, Oliver Harrison and Bronwen Swain also achieved 14 A*-c grades.*

ABOVE: Bronwen Swain, Lisa Williams, Jocelyn Jeffery, Molly Jenkins and Finlay Haswell all achieved 13 GCSE passes at higher grades.

EXCELLENT teaching, dedication and hard graft by pupils and an effective mentoring scheme where the needs of all individuals is catered for have resulted in a phenomenal increase in Bro Morgannwg's GCSE results published on Tuesday.

An amazing 90 per cent of year-11 pupils at Bro Morgannwg achieved the top A*- C grades in five or more GCSE subjects in this year's exam results, surpassing last year's record breaking-score of 78 per cent and therefore recording the school's best-ever GCSE exam results.

Particularly strong this year was the attainment of pupils in the core subjects of maths, Welsh and English, where more than 80 per cent of pupils attained a grade C or above.

Repeating the pattern of previous years, able and gifted pupils achieved an array of A* and A grades, including year-9 pupil Meirin Evans from Penarth, who achieved an A* in French.

There were smiles all round on Tuesday morning as all pupils celebrated the fact that they had fulfilled their potential and had been awarded grades which reflected their efforts in preparing for the exams and the attention given to detail when revising and completing course work.

Congratulations to all Bro Morgannwg pupils and teachers for their hard work, and we look forward to welcoming many of the pupils back to year-12 to continue their studies and to build on their success.

Eleri Willicombe, Nia Sweet and Stephanie Powell will all return to study A-levels in the sixth form.

Shanelle Edwards (far right) celebrates attaining 12 A-C GCSE passes with friends Tom Perry, Bethan butler and Fern Hillberg. Shanelle has been chosen to represent Wales under-17 Ladies Football team and will travel to Russia. She has also been signed up by the Academy at Cardiff City.

CHARITY SAYS 'THANKS A MILLION!'

I AM writing to say a special thank you to all your readers who have contributed to the appeal between The British Heart Foundation (BHF) and the Home Retail Group (owners of Argos and Homebase) which has raised over £3 million for the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

This partnership has raised money to place life-saving defibrillators across the UK, 66 of which have been awarded in Wales.

Argos and Homebase employees and customers in Wales raised money for the BHF by arranging store fundraising events and taking part BHF events including 'Wear Red' days for National Heart Month and The Big Donation.

I am delighted to say the partnership has been incredibly successful and to raise more than £3 million in two years is a fantastic achievement.

Staff and customers in Wales should be extremely proud, as thousands of heart attack sufferers will benefit from rapid response treatment.

Everyone associated with the BHF will always be grateful for their support for what was our most successful fundraising partnership to date.

Aneesha Moreira
(Director of Fundraising at the BHF)

WHO RULES THE KITCHEN?

Back row: 'Foxy' (Richard Fox) and Nathan Spackman from Bro Radio. Front row: The GEM's champion cook, Jan Irving, is flanked by the Vale Council's waste awareness officer Sam Harrison (left) and Vicky Lannen.

Jan of The GEM takes on Bro Radio DJ in a cook-off!

THE recent Vale Show proved an ideal platform for the Vale Council's waste management and cleansing team to promote its '*love food, hate waste*' message – with the help of two enthusiastic local chefs.

Jan Irving, Nathan Spackman and Foxy making pesto from peas and salad leaves that were left-over ingredients which would otherwise have been wasted.

The team was joined by Richard Fox (affectionately known as Foxy), a regular on the Good Food channel's Market Kitchen, who took to the stage to promote the message and provide handy tips, advice and recipes for left-overs to help everyone learn how to waste less food.

As part of the campaign, the flamboyant chef cooked several tasty recipes, such as fish cakes, using left-over fish fingers, a kedgeree dish with rice that was destined to be wasted, and tasty desserts such as a croissant and peach trifle, using pastries that were several days old.

Council waste awareness officer, Vicky Lannen, said: "With a couple of key ingredients and a little imagination, you can turn almost any leftovers into great tasting dishes.

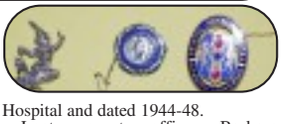
"There is very little need to create food waste, inevitably there will always be items such as egg shells, tea bags and banana skins that can't be cooked, but can be composted."

Spectators were given plenty of tips as well as inspiration for a tasty lunch.

There was added fun to the demonstration when local community station Bro Radio's rock show host Nathan Spackman took on the Glamorgan GEM's Jan Irving in a friendly 'cook- off' in front of the crowds.

The pair competed on presentation, entertainment and taste, with Jan being declared the champion at the end of thefoodie contest!

Search for owner of lost property in Vale



Pictures show the four necklaces and a close up of the brooches.

VALE police are trying to find the owner of necklaces and brooches found inside an old brown leather case in a river at Llancarfan.

They says that the bag, which is now beyond repair, contained a jade double-stringed necklace, a string of pearls and two glass crystal necklaces. In addition, there was a distinctive silver coloured brooch of an Eastern dancing figure.

The bag also contained two nursing badges with the same name engraved on the rear of each. These were a 'SRN' badge was dated 1948 and the second badge was from Bristol Royal Hospital and dated 1944-48.

Lost property officer, Barbara Morris said: "These lovely pieces of jewellery were obviously of great sentimental value to their owner. We would like to hear from anyone who may recognise them so we can return them.

"Both nurse's badges bear the same name and we believe that whoever knows whose jewellery this is will be able to give us the correct name."

Contact Vale of Glamorgan Police lost property officer, Barbara Morris at Barry Police Station on 101.

VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Turning better broadband from dream to reality

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

SINCE I launched the 'better broadband in the Vale' campaign in The GEM last month, I've been inundated with responses from residents across the Vale.

Broadband access and delivery is clearly a huge problem for a great many of us living and working here.

Though Barry has the good fortune of being one of the early 'Super Fast Broadband' towns targeted by BT Openreach, I know of examples where some properties in a street have access, while others haven't.

Education usage of the internet is problematic too, not only for students in Barry – but in households from Dyffryn to Southerndown.

Using broadband for social activities also hits a wall, whether it's being unable to get Sky TV in parts of Ystradowen due to poor broadband capacity, or simply viewing videos via BBC iPlayer or YouTube.

It is, of course, a significant problem in the rural villages, and good broadband links are essential to support business and communities.

Business people working from home in villages such as Colwinston or Flemingston, have made strong presentations on how low speeds are affecting their business negatively.

One case highlights the fact that they are unable to complete essential business processes online with Companies House – who now favour all processes being completed online!

The next stage of the campaign is to meet with a senior representative of BT Openreach. A date is already scheduled and I will present each case, asking what needs to happen to increase broadband speeds.

BT Openreach, the part of the BT group responsible for the broadband network, is focused on meeting the larger demands of towns and cities with a high speed broadband infrastructure. Barry is one of those towns but the rural Vale is not as fortunate.

There is a need for government support and cash previously allocated for digital television switchover to be used to improve broadband.

How and where that money will be spent is yet to be decided. That's where my report and discussions with BT Openreach are vital in trying to make the dream of better broadband in the Vale a reality.

Do contact me if you have broadband issues, and I'll add to my report to make the strongest possible case to BT's Openreach. You can get in touch via www.aluncairns.com or by calling 01446 403814.

RSPCA appeal after...

Kitten found in shoe box

THE RSPCA has been left shocked after a kitten was found at a park in Barry in a taped-up shoe box.

The kitten was found on Wednesday, August 4 in playing fields near Treharne Road. Aged about 12 weeks old, the cat was black with white colouring under his chin.

The shoebox was bound with sticky tape and he was trapped in a taped up shoebox. Even the air holes were covered over.

The kitten is now recovering under the care of RSPCA staff.

RSPCA inspector Gemma Black said: "It beggars belief that someone could treat a tiny animal so callously and it's vital that we contact the owner as soon as possible.

"If anyone knows anything about this incident, I would urge them to come forward as a matter of urgency."

• *Anyone with information regarding this incident should telephone the RSPCA on 0300 1234999.*

Calls made are made in strict onfidence.

'The inspector's recommendation is compromised'

I REFER to the article headed, 'There must not be more than 80 houses on the White Farm site', Barry GEM, August 26, and in particular to the comment from the developer that outline planning permission was for 52 per cent open space.

This land was considered in detail by the Independent Planning Inspector at the Public Local Inquiry into objections to the Unitary Development Plan.

The inspector recommended that 5.2ha of the site be allocated for housing, to accommodate about 130 dwellings at a density of 25 dwellings per hectare, the remaining 7.4 ha was to be informal open space.

The Vale Council's policy document included the recommendation.

I'm sure there must be a good reason, but perhaps somebody could explain the reduced proportion of open space and why the planning inspector's recommendation seems to have been compromised.

Dennis Harkus, Barry

Were these 'fishy' traders for real?

SHOPPERS in Barry town centre last week encountered some rather unusual traders – with decidedly unsavoury products for sale!

"The Fairly Fresh Fish Company, with a bizarre assortment of dancing crustaceans and an oddly-behaved octopus, wandered the market flaunting their fishy fare!

"Also, Dot Comedy's market stall laid out a spread of items for sale that, on closer examination, were really quite rubbish, with special offers such as 'double the price' regularly announced!" a Vale Council spokeswoman reported.

Crowds were drawn further into the ruse by planted performer 'The Thinker' – who caused all sorts of mischief as he was compelled to act out 'thoughts' projected out loud through a speaker hidden on his chest; while artist Picasso Griffiths pitched up to offer on-the-spot caricatures of those passing by.

The performers were there as part of the Barry Festival, a series of free events in the town centre, organised by the Vale Council.

Council events officer Michael Chubb said:

"The day was a great success with many shoppers and visitors stopping to explore the market to hunt out our unusual performers.

"What was interesting was that many people didn't realise who were the real traders and who were the performers!"

The Fairly Fresh Fish Company finds some new customers.

Picasso Griffiths shows another happy visitor their portrait.

IN BRIEF

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell, will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, September 4, from 10.30am-12pm in the Drop-In Centre, No 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

No appointment necessary. Contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506116.

Dyspraxia group

THE next meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will take place at 7.30pm on Monday, September 6, in the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

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THESE eye-catching pictures were taken by keen photographer and GEM reader Robert Fisher of Cowbridge, who was among the 500,000 enthusiasts, many of them from south Wales, drawn to the recent Bristol Hot Air Balloon Fiesta.

Now in its 32nd year, the world-famous festival, said to be the largest in Europe, attracted some highly unusual entries of all shapes and sizes, as Robert's snapshots clearly show!

There were balloons of every style, shape and size – and other curios that caught the photographer's eye, including this bunch of bananas (above) and (right) a somewhat scary-looking cow with bell!

TOP LEFT: A rather gentle and bashful-looking dragon waits to show off its flying prowess, while the gnome (left) is also poised to take to the air.

Vale highlights in the Cadw calendar

TWO of Wales' best-known heritage secrets in the Vale – St Lythan's Burial Chamber and Ogmore Castle – star in the new 2011 Cadw calendar.

Featuring some of the best-known historic sites in Wales, the calendar, which is priced at £8.95, available from most Cadw sites, also includes scenic photographs of St David's bishop's palace in Pembrokeshire; Valle Crucis Abbey and Rhuddlan Castle in Denbighshire; Neath Abbey; Tretower Court in Brecknockshire; Beaumaris Castle on Anglesey; Cymer Abbey in Gwynedd and Raglan Castle, Kidwelly Castle and Dryslwyn Castle in Carmarthenshire.

Diane Williams, head of Cadw Publications, said: "We commissioned some stunning new photography this year and are very pleased with the finished calendar.

"As well as featuring some of Wales's most visited sites, such as Beaumaris and Kidwelly Castles, we've also photographed some of the 'hidden jewels' in our care – such as the serene ruins of Cymer Abbey and the fascinating St Lythans Burial Chamber near Barry.

"The calendar is a perfect pictorial accompaniment for any busy household or office wall."

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D633.

- **£2000:** 569853.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £5,500 was not won this week.**
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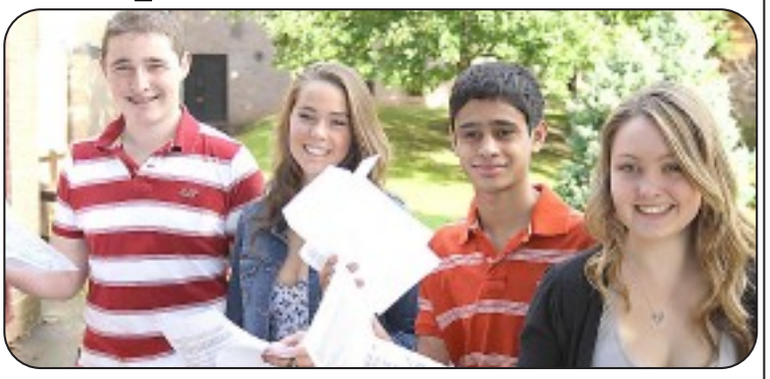

Left to right: Year-11 students Michael Griffin, Holly Lidbury, Rohan Hemmadi and Annie Wood celebrate their GCSE results.

THE Cathedral School Llandaff, Cardiff's, has reported 100 per cent of its year-11 pupils achieving seven or more GCSEs at A*-C, with 63 per cent of the grades being A* or A.

There were particularly strong performances in mathematics, sciences, ICT, history, German and sport.

The school's head girl, Holly Lidbury, who gained 13A*/A grades said: "My A* in art is a miracle! I never thought I would do so well; there were so many tears involved in doing the subject off timetable, as an addition to everything else. I'm over the moon!"

Other pupils who have done particularly well include Rohan Hemmadi of St Fagans, who gained 11 A*/A grades, Michael Griffin of Penarth who secured 11 A*/A grades and Annie Wood of Dinas Powys who gained 12 A*/A grades.

The Cathedral School's headmaster, Stephen Morris said:

"We are delighted at these results and very proud of our pupils and staff. The unique offering at the Cathedral School ensures that pupils achieve highly academically, without sacrificing their other interests; they continue to play sport at a very high level, excel in the arts and rehearse and perform wonderful music. We have recently announced ambitious development plans for the school, including the provision of a sixth form, and we look forward to sustaining academic excellence up to the age of 18 in due course."

The Cathedral School has a mixed ability intake but has been, for the last six years, one of the highest achieving schools in Wales at GCSE, with equally strong achievements for boys and girls.

The year-11 cohort consisted of 57 boys and girls from Cardiff and the surrounding area.

The school will host an open morning on Saturday, October 9 from 10am-12.30pm.

ADVICE SURGERY

RHOOSE councillors Jeffrey James and Gordon Kemp will be holding an advice surgery on Saturday, September 4 at the Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart road, Rhoose from 10am-12noon. No appointment is necessary.

TOP OF THE GCSE TABLE!

ABOVE: Seven of Barry Comprehensive School's top achievers – Ben Callow, Jeff Bevan, Kyle Harfoot, Christopher Newby, Tomas Ellis, George Scott and Caelum Davies.

An 'outstanding set' of results at Barry Comp

RIGHT: Successful students Sam Rimell, Ieuan Thomas and Joseph Smit were the first to register with Mr Bourton to return to the Sixth Form.

BARRY Comprehensive School GCSE students and their teachers are celebrating another "outstanding set" of results, with the top 10 pupils amassing 121 A* and A grades between them.

Jeff Bevan, Ben Callow, Caelum Davies, Tomas Ellis, Kyle Harfoot, Luke James, Lewis Jenkins, Lloyd Jones, Christopher Newby and George Scott are top of a results table that saw pupils achieve excellent grades right across the school's wide range of GCSE, Welsh Baccalaureate, Diploma, BTEC and GNVQ qualifications.

Overall, 70 per cent of students achieved five or more A*- C grade GCSE or equivalent qualifications, with 38 per cent of students achieving 10 or more A*- C grades.

Headteacher David Swallow said: "Everyone at the school is proud of this years examination results, particularly with the high number of top grades.

"Through their own hard work, and the support provided by the school, students are now well placed to make the best of future opportunities in education and training.

"We wish all our GCSE students good luck with their future endeavours, and look forward to welcoming many students back to continue their studies with us in the Sixth Form."

Howell's school celebrates

HOWELL'S girls again gained "outstanding" GCSE results, with 46 per cent of the girls in year-11 achieving all A* or A.

Said Mrs Sally Davis, principal of Howell's: "I am delighted that our students have been rewarded with such impressive results.

"The students and staff have worked extremely hard and this success is well deserved. Many congratulations to everyone,"

"We look forward to welcoming the girls to the Sixth Form College."

Fibromyalgia support

THe Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia Support Group's monthly meeting will be held on September 7, in the Barry public library at 10am-12.30pm.

Anyone who suffers from Fibromyalgia, or seeks information on the long-term health condition, will be welcome.

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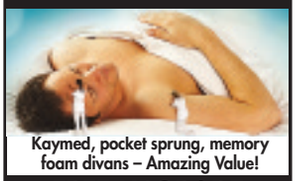

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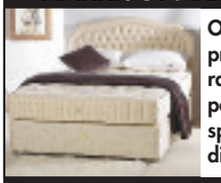

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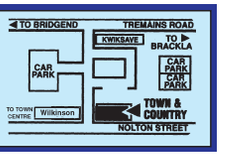

Plaid claim Vale court review is 'a sham'

PLAID CYMRU'S Dr Ian Johnson has claimed that a consultation into whether the Vale of Glamorgan Magistrates' Court should stay open appears to be "a sham".

Dr Johnson, who is the Plaid candidate for next year's Assembly elections, pointed out that the administration changes, which will see Barry-based staff moved to other courts in south Wales, will come into effect in the same week as the consultation on keeping the court open comes to an end.

Dr Johnson said: "This is a consultation which many people believe is a sham and is purely aimed at closing the Vale Magistrates' Court in Barry.

"The Conservative government's timing of the consultation is appalling. We are several weeks away from the end of the consultation but getting information is very difficult due to the holiday season."

Dr Johnson said he was shocked to hear that administrative changes were continuing to be pushed through which would see staff moved out of Barry to other courts in south Wales.

"This makes no sense as the consultation is asking for opinions on the operation of a court which will be working very differently by the time that decisions are made on its future."

Dr Johnson demanded the coalition government re-think its plans.

"These administration changes should be stopped now until a decision has been made on the court's future.

"Justice should be served locally and the Vale should keep a fully operating magistrates' court.

"In the last three years, more than 20,000 cases have been heard there, and millions of pounds have been spent recently on upgrading the cells and the building, money that will be wasted if the court is closed."

Vale MP Alun Cairns said that rather than making political capital, Dr Johnson should reflect the fact that there was cross-party support in favour of keeping the court open.

He said: "Local magistrates, charitable groups and I are doing all we can to respond to the consultation to show that there is a strong case for the Vale Magistrates' Court to stay open.

"It would be more helpful if Dr Johnson also responded to show that there is a cross-party approach on this issue.

"Simply seeking to make party political points won't save the court. Showing that costs will increase for the police if the court closes will have a much better impact. Shouting from the sidelines won't get us anywhere."

Mr Cairns added: "I have another meeting with the magistrates scheduled for today (September 2) to ensure that we are co-ordinating our actions in the best way.

"Responses need to be submitted to the Ministry of Justice by September 15."

POLICE APPEAL

POLICE in Barry are appealing to the public for information regarding two incidents of lewd behaviour on Saturday (August 28) between 4.30pm and 4.45pm.

A police spokesman said that a white, ginger - haired man was seen exposing himself in the area known as the 'Golden Steps', which links Marine Parade and Porthkerry Park in Barry.

He was wearing a black cap, black top and black shorts, possibly with a white drawing or picture on the top. He was about five feet five inches tall, in his late 30s or early 40s, possibly with a mole on his left cheek.

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Viv Chapman.

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Forget the World... **Scott Pilgrim takes on this film critic - and slays him!**

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

BRITISH director Edgar Wright has enjoyed a steady climb up the ladder from television to Hollywood.

Having cut his teeth helming both series of cult (and well worth checking out) sitcom *Spaced,* Wright moved onto the big screen with *Spaced* star Simon Pegg for 2004's *Shaun of the Dead* and then with 2007's *Hot Fuzz.*

With a directing style that is resolutely his own, Wright has won many admirers in Tinseltown, and makes his American film bow with this graphic novel adaption, *Scott Pilgrim vs The World.*

Scott (played by Michael Cera) is the bassist in Toronto band Sex Bob-omb, and his world is turned upside down when he meets Ramona Flowers (Mary Elizabeth Winstead).

Not only does he fall for her, he also discovers that if he wants to win her heart he'll need to defeat her seven evil exes, a group who are intent on stopping Scott before he's even started...

Scott Pilgrim... is not your usual boy-meets-girl romantic film; in fact, it's not like your usual film full stop.

Instead, it is a work that mixes and mashes style and genres to dizzying effect, creating a film that is something wonderful to behold - and something that, while not to everyone's tastes, is a jaw-dropping effort.

Those unfamiliar with the source material (such as myself) need not worry, as there is little in the way of keeping the story strictly for the hardcore fanbase; instead, it whirrs by on the universal nature of the story, yet presents itself so uniquely that it burns into your brain, and much of this is down to Edgar Wright's direction.

Those versed in his work on *Spaced* will hardly be shocked by the genre hopping and ability to cram so many elements together, but *Scott Pilgrim...* is Wright, to steal a Spinal Tap parlance, turned up to 11.

The danger, of course, if left untempered is that it would be easy for Wright to fall into the trap of being too self-indulgent, yet he shows both considerable creativity and a pleasing level of restraint.

Consider the action sequences (superbly handled by Wright, a relative novice to the genre), with their zooms, fast cuts and special effects, and compare them to the quieter moments, such as Scott and Ramona's first 'date', and you can see that there is more to Wrights direction that just 'wham-bam'. Instead, he shows he is just as capable of being loud and bombastic as is of being quiet and poised.

He also makes a clever allusion to video games, specifically those of the 1990s. Treating the film as one long game, complete with extra lives and weapons, there is wit and tender homage in these moments that are wonderfully done, while the Batman-esque 'thwacks' and 'pows' are similar humorous yet completely fitting.

Wright's direction is the tool that propels the film, its kinetic energy lending itself perfectly to the pacing of the film, and the screenplay, adapted by Wright and Michael Bacall, complements the direction wonderfully well.

Given the episodic nature of the story, the film could have been stop-start, yet there is enough going on, with several supporting characters given a pleasing level of importance, that it flows with ease.

The cast are all very much up to the job in hand across the board, the performances hitting the spot and offering something memorable.

With the majority of screentime, and numerous stunts and fights to pull off, Scott Pilgrim may be the most rounded performance of Michael Cera's career thus far.

The character and performance engages throughout, and you are perpetually rooting for Pilgrim in his battle against the evil exes.

As the object of his affection, Mary Elizabeth Winstead offers a winning turn as the mysterious newcomer who becomes the centre of Scott's world.

The actress' turn is cool but with a huge degree of likeability, and hopefully, this film will show how skilled an actress Winstead is.

The supporting players all have their chances to shine in developed characters, from Kieran Culkin as Scott's roommate, Anna Kendrick as his sister, Ellen Wong as Knives Chau, and Mark Webber and Alison Pill as Scott's bandmates.

Meanwhile, the evil exes are played with glorious aplomb by the likes of Chris Evans, Brandon Routh and Jason Schwartzman – there is nary a lacking performance in the film.

If there is a complaint to be made about this film, it is that is so unabashedly its own beast and plays by its own rules that it will cause those not sold on it to deem it a piece of work that is far too self indulgent and off-centre to work.

Well, those may feel they have a point, but to do so would be overlooking a bravura film whose stylistic tics and headache-inducing visuals are all part of the larger picture – and what a picture it is, as *Scott Pilgrim vs The World* is truly superb.

VERDICT - Utterly compelling, visually inventive and, at times, breathtaking, *Scott Pilgrim vs The World* is Edgar Wright's tour-de-force – a film that truly highlights how skilled a film maker he is.

With an excellent soundtrack and a cast that is uniformly superb, this is one film that will rattle your brain and resonate for a long time afterward.

Essential viewing.

All smiles at St Richard Gwyn

LEFT: There were smiles all round at St Richard Gwyn on GCSE results day.

HEADTEACHER Mike Clinch was all smiles as his students picked up their results from the GCSE exams at St Richard Gwyn in Barry last week.

The school's results were 10 per cent above the Vale "best possible" target, as 62 per cent of pupils gained five or more A-C grades.

The 120 pupils gained a total of 239 A or A* grades between them.

The girls were particularly pleased as they walked away with their results, especially Ellie Davies (eight A*s and two As) and Ankita Benny (seven A*s and three As)

However, the boys weren't far behind, despite all the stories about boys' lack of achievement, as Shannon Horrigan (eight A*s, one A and a B), Joseph Brophy (four A*s, five As and a B), Dan Giernalczyk (four A*s, five As and a B), and Ibrahim Yasin (five A*s, five As and a B).

The head boy and girl Jess Dawe and Jordan Moore notched up 19 A*s and As, as well as keeping the prefects in order and assisting staff in many school events throughout the year.

Chaplain Nicky Price said: "It is a great day to see our students and staff who have worked so hard, receiving the results they deserve.

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On tour with Gavin and Stacey at Barry Island

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BARRY'S latest tourist attraction, a coach tour of locations where the hit TV series Gavin and Stacey was filmed, is now up and running in the Vale.

The GEM sent work experience student, Martha Rogers, along to join the tourists on the trip. This is her report:

SINCE *Gavin and Stacey* hit our television screens in 2007, Barry has become a tourist magnet for visitors from across the world.

A *Gavin and Stacey* tour bus introduced earlier this year is regularly filled with fans wanting to see for themselves local locations used in the TVseries.

As a *Gavin and Stacey* fan myself, I didn't want to pass up a chance to go on the tour bus. I was surprised that the majority of people on the bus were English holidaymakers, showing that the show really has drawn people from far and wide.

One fan, Nick Wright, says it was partly the reason why he came to Wales, 'We probably wouldn't have come here on holiday if it wasn't for *Gavin and Stacey*, but we wanted to see all the sets!

"When we heard about the tour through a website, it seemed perfect - exactly what we were looking for!"

The show has attracted a huge following over its three-year run. The tour takes in sets such as Stacey's house, the church where Nessa and Dave almost got married, and where baby Neil was baptized, Nessa's 'slots arcade', Smithy's local, 'Marco's' - where Stacey worked in the third series - and Barry Island - home to *Gavin and Stacey*.

The friendly tour guide, Brenda Tucker Lowell, was very knowledgeable about the show. She said: "There has been a lot of interest in the tour bus, with people coming from all over the world; in fact, we've had hardly any Welsh people at all!

"We've had English, Irish, Australian and Canadians. We're full nearly every tour, it's been very popular!"

So, what has made Gavin and Stacey so popular? Steven and Kelly Castles from Berkshire said: "We love the show because it's so funny, it's easy to watch, and also romantic.

"Our daughter also watches it, she was so jealous when we rang her up last night and told her we were going on this tour!"

The tour was very lively with Uncle Bryn's version of 'Islands in the Stream' blaring on the bus ('Dave's Coaches' from the series).

Lyric sheets were handed out for a sing-a-long, quiz questions were asked throughout the tour, and there was also a prize given out to whoever could ask a *Gavin and Stacey* related question that no one else knew the answer to.

Russell Wells, who was also on the bus, said: "I would definitely reccomend this tour to friends. I was looking forward to going on 'Dave's Coaches' and seeing the church - the tour as a whole was fantastic."

The tour costs £20 per person, £70 for a family ticket (two adults and two children aged under12) or £80 for a group of five

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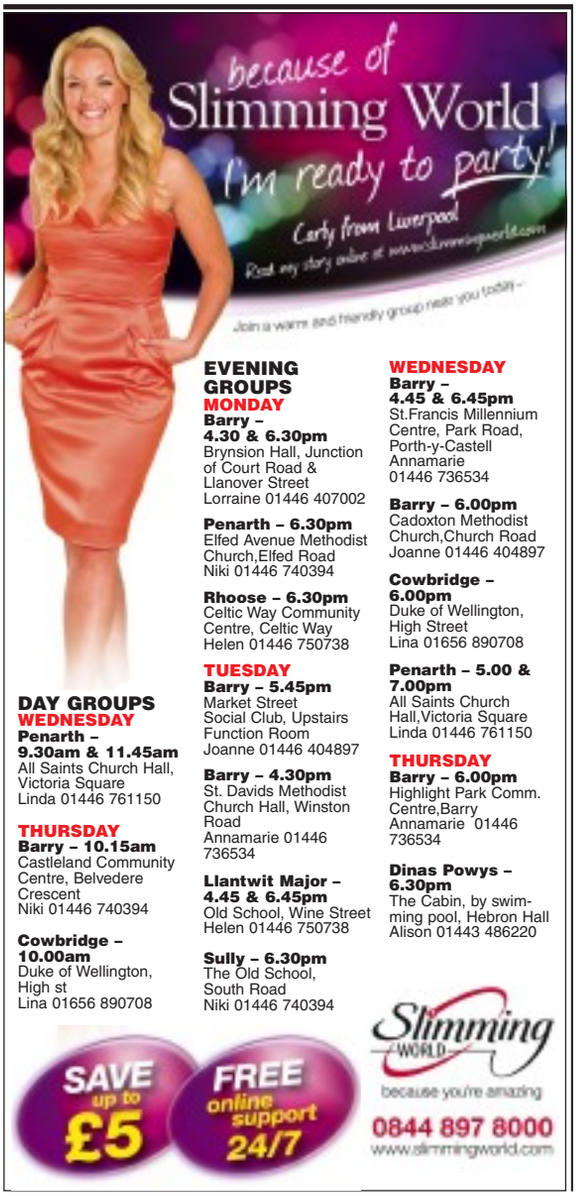

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Once you've enjoyed the M&S Café experience, you won't be able to resist signing up to host your own World's Biggest Coffee Morning event.

It couldn't be easier – sign up, then check out Macmillan's website for recipes, grab the apron, create chaos in the kitchen and whip up a frenzy of mouth-watering treats for your guests.

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Coffee Morning falls on September 24, but you can hold one whenever it is convenient for you. Just one small mug of coffee really can make a big difference – so to make that cuppa count, register now at www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 070 1315.

GWYNETH WAS ONE OF FIRST NURSES IN AREA

One of the first Macmillan nurses in the area was Gwyneth Poacher, who has been the driving force behind the Sandville Self-Help Centre in Ton Kenfig.

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Gwyneth travelled with members of the Sandville team who are pictured above.

(Gwyneth is standing between the Prime Minister and the Bridgend MP, Madeleine Moon.)

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Top celebrity choices to inspire your coffee morning

PUT a smile on your mug and help change lives by signing up for Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on September 24!

This year, to inspire us to take part and get creative in the kitchen, a selection of celebrities have kindly shared what their favourite coffee morning treats are, including TV presenter Claudia Winkleman, who swears by delicious blueberry muffins.

Claudia said: "Blueberry muffins are delicious, ready in a few simple steps, and so moreish that I'll have to quadruple the quantities for guests at my Macmillan coffee morning!"

Dame Judi Dench, Lynda Bellingham, Samantha Cameron, Martin Clunes and Katherine Jenkins have also shared their favourite coffee morning treats such as cupcakes, chocolate truffles, carrot cake, and giant cookies.

To inspire the budding bakers among you, the Macmillan website has all these recipes, plus many more, all provided by Silver Spoon, official category partner of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning 2010.

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Out and About with The GEM

Audition time for pantomime society

FOLLOWING the success of the 'meet and greet' evening, the Llantwit Major Pantomime Society will be holding the first auditions at 10am on Sunday, September 5 in the Llantonian Hall for children who would like a chance to be in their forthcoming production of Puss in Boots.

Children must be at least eight years of age by February 24, 2011. An adult must accompany all children below the age of 14. Rehearsals will be held every Sunday morning from 10am-12noon in the Llantonian Hall.

Anyone interested in any aspect of the pantomime is welcome to attend on Tuesday, September 7 in the Llantwit Major comprehensive school hall at 7.30pm when the first auditions for adults begin.

Rehearsals for adults will be every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.30pm-9.30pm in the school hall. The planned production dates are February 24-26 with a total of four shows.

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CHARITY LINE DANCE AT LLANHARAN FOR KYLE

A CHARITY line dance will be held at Llanharan Rugby Club on Saturday, September 4 (8pm until late) in aid of the Kyle's Goal charity.

A charity spokeswoman said: "Kyle Beere was a typically fit, healthy and intelligent 12-year-old boy with a promising football career in front of him.

"On November 14, 2009, he walked into the accident and emergency unit with a severe headache. What was unknown at the time was that he was suffering a massive brain haemorrhage caused by a rare condition called Arteriovenous Malformations (AVM)."

Kyle, who lives in Cardiff, has so far had two major and two minor brain surgeries, along with a tracheotomy at the University Hospital of Wales (UHW).

The spokeswoman said: "Thanks to his love for life and the excellent medical teams at the hospital, Kyle has defied all the odds and is making excellent progress every day.

"He is however, now in the unenviable position of having to relearn all cognitive and motor skills, e.g. learning to walk and talk again, that would have previously come naturally to him.

"We cannot underestimate the huge challenge that Kyle still has to face."

Kyle's family thought the rehabilitation would take place at either the new Children's Hospital for Wales, or at the long-established rehabilitation centre at Rookwood Hospital.

However, Rookwood only accepts patients of 16 years or older and there is no rehabilitation facility at UHW or anywhere else in Wales and the South West.

The nearest suitable facility is in Tadworth, Surrey, and is 160 miles away from Kyle's friends and family.

The charity's aim is to raise funds for a similar unit in south Wales.

WHAT'S ON IN BRIEF

LIFT group

THE voluntary organisation LIFT (Life Is For Today) is a self-help group which supports those affected by breast cancer.

The next LIFT group meeting will be in Cowbridge on Wednesday, September 8 between 10am-1pm for therapies, and again on Wednesday, September 11, 2pm-4pm for an arts and crafts demonstration. New members welcome.

Contact Hilary on 01446 749756, or Anne on 01446 772843 for further information.

Plaid advice

RESIDENTS are invited to attend an advice surgery to discuss any issues or concerns with Plaid councillors, Caroline Turner and Barry Shaw, joined by Keith Stockdale, at Holton Primary School, Pyke Street, Barry from 11am-12noon on Saturday, September 11.

No appointments are necessary.

The GEM is in partnership with the Dog s Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

Shy Bobby likes quiet home life

THIS week: Bobby Bobster is a four and a half year old Collie cross.

Bobby Bobster.

A spokeswoman reports: He is a sweet and sensitive dog. He can be shy and lack confidence and likes his own space. He loves his toys and will happily play fetch all day given the chance!

He mixes with other dogs, but is best suited as the only dog in the home. He is housetrained and fine to be left for a few hours.

Type of home needed: He will need a quiet home environment with an experienced owner who is used to Collie types. He is not suitable with children and needs an adult only home.

In the right home, given time and patience, Bobby will make a lovely, rewarding companion.

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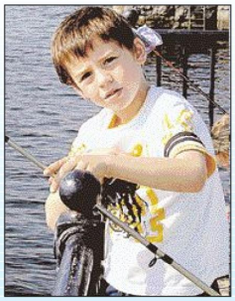

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AGE CONCERN'S Western Vale Good Neighbour Scheme is holding a sponsored walk on Saturday, September 4.

The walk will start at 10am from the Age Concern office, 1 Commercial Street, Llantwit Major. From the office, walkers will take the road down to the beach and after a short rest, will return to the office for tea and cakes.

Proceeds from the walk will be used to fund the Christmas Party for Good Neighbour Scheme clients.

All walkers welcome, family, friends and dogs included.

For more information, please telephone Glynis Somerville, the scheme co-ordinator on 01446 795549.

CYPIC's splash

CYPIC (Children and Young People In the Community) has run another summer programme for the Castleland Community in partnership with SPLASH, the Youth Offending Service.

Activities are continuing, so if you would like more information on the summer programme or other CYPIC projects, please contact the Drop in Centre on 01446 403549 and ask for Soraya Cordle.

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Evening WI set for Pencoed

THE WI is planning to open a new evening WI in Pencoed at St David's Church Hall.

Ladies are invited to come along for a chat, a cuppa and to hear more about the WI at the hall on Wednesday, September 15 at 7.30pm.

For more information, please telephone 01639 881588.

Olympic stamp winners

THE winners of a pack of Olympic stamps are:

Jocelyn James, Boverton; Phil Murphy, Rhoose Point; Mary Thomas, Penarth; Ivy Payne, Barry; Liz Richfield, St Athan; Brian Fisher, Dinas Powys; Mrs C Evans, Cwmbran; Mr E Powell, Pencoed; Mrs A King, Pencoed; GM Holmes, Boverton; Mrs LD Good, Sully; Mrs MR Hunter, Cowbridge; Mrs MJ Cassom, Barry; Jessica Cooper, Llantwit Major; Mrs I Morgan, Barry; Kathy Edwards, Dinas Powys; WE Dunn, Sully; MM Gordge, Llantwit Major; Mr G Sutcliffe, Cowbridge; Mrs B Burden, Llantwit Major.

Congratulations to you all!

Out and About with The GEM

'Vale on the Road' to show vision for the future of the area

LOCAL residents will have a chance to air their views to Vale Council cabinet members and council officers on the area's future this month.

Vale on the Road will be at Barry's King Square, in the town centre, and Art Central gallery, in the Town Hall, between 10am and 1pm on September 11 to meet residents.

Leader of the Council, Coun Gordon Kemp, said: "During the months of September and October in 2009, cabinet members visited Barry, Rhoose and Penarth. The cabinet members, including myself, and our officers enjoyed meeting with residents. Hearing the views of local people first-hand is extremely useful to us.

"Following the success of last year's events, we planned a similar format for this year, starting with Barry. We look forward to meeting people at this year's events."

Other dates

September 15, *Llantwit Major – Llantwit Major Comprehensive 6.30pm-8.30pm.*

September 25, *Penarth – Paget Rooms 10am-1pm.*

IN BRIEF

Waterfront Festival

THE Barry Waterfront Festival takes place this Saturday (September 4) at 10am-10pm; and Sunday) at 11am-7pm.

On Sunday, there will also be a thanksgiving service to the armed forces and Merchant Navy at 10am. All are welcome.

A public reading/recital of Barry Seamen, penned by Captain Joe Earl, will be part of the service.

Flower Club

THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers Club will hold a meeting at 7.30pm on September 8 at the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, when Julie Pearce will give a demonstration entitled 'One Step through the clouds'.

Dyffryn House inspires Vale artists' exhibition

AN exhibition of new work by Vale artist group, VOGA , will be held at Dyffryn House from September 11 to October 10.

Penarth-based painter, Pauline Williams, said: "My art is mainly about human figures in the landscape, and my painting 'Long Roman Days' is a modern painting of an ancient subject that I sketched at Dyffryn's Roman re-enactment weekend at St Nicholas."

Paul Baker, chairman of VOGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists), said: "We are very grateful to curator Gerry Donovan for inviting us to work at Dyffryn. We have enjoyed every support from the management and staff throughout the year".

For example, one of Paul Baker's paintings in the exhibition is a portrait of one of Dyffryn's gardeners, Ron Amos.

Twelve other artists are also exhibiting: Eileen Allan, Eve Hart, Kay Keogh, Shirley Anne Owen and Ann Townson, all showing paintings; Gwyn Price and Mel Forse, showing sculptures; Teresa Bridger, Susan Edwards, Peter Moulding, Sue Roberts and Bernard van Lierop, showing prints, including photography.

The first weekend of the exhibition is also Dyffryn Gardens' only "Open Doors" weekend, with free entry for all.

Artist Pauline Williams with Dyffryn curator Gerry Donovan.

PACT meetings

CADOC PACT, Palmerston Community Centre, September 8 at 7pm.

ILLTYD PACT, Mount Sorrel Hotel, September 14 at 7pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Arthur Davis Court, Barry, September 15 at 12 noon.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Communities First Office, Aberaeron Close, Barry, September 17 at 6pm.

DYFAN PACT, Barry Comprehensive School, September 21 at 6pm.

PENDOYLAN Community Council meeting, Pendoylan School, September 9 at 7.45pm.

PENLLYN Coffee and Chat, Red Fox Public House, September 15 at 11am.

CORNERSWELL PACT, Cogan Leisure Centre, September 2 at 7pm.

STANWELL PACT, Elfed Avenue Church, September 3 at 7pm.

DINAS POWYS PACT, Bethesda Chapel, September 20 at 7pm.

PLYMOUTH PACT, Brockhill Way Community Centre, September 20 at 7pm.

Vale AM's surgery

VALE of Glamorgan Assembly Member Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on September 4 at The Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major from 10am-11am and at the Old School Hall, Church Lane, St Athan from 11.30am-12noon.

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Listed Building Consent/Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00756/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Renewal of slate roofing with provision of breathable underfelt; additional roof insulation quilt; repair/repointing of chimney stacks; renew leadwork to stacks and roof vallies; repair/renew timber fascia, soffit boards and redecoration; repair/renew metal rainwater goods and redecoration
Location:/Lleoliad: The Rectory, Llandow

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00807/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Works to external elevations comprising of repairs to roof, fascias, windows, doors and walls
Location:/Lleoliad: Picketston House, Picketston

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00846/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing stable block and toilet block. Construction of two storey extension to rear and alterations to existing listed building. Change of use to A1 retail and residential
Location:/Lleoliad: 20, High Street, Cowbridge

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00879/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Rear extension, addition of safety balustrade to 3rd storey flat roof and solar panels. Roofing of alleyway, new window, addition of en-suite, resiting and upgrading boiler and re-rendering
Location:/Lleoliad: 3, Pwll-y-Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely,

Development that might affect the setting of a Listed Building
Datblygiad a allai effeithio ar amgylchedd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00769/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Reserved Matters submission in accordance with planning permission 2009/00500/OUT for a proposed Defence Technical College (DTC), in respect of Zone 1 (DTC Main Gate) incorporating matters including: - buildings (Church and World Faith; Gurkha Temple; Guardhouse; Sentry box; Gate House and Museum); access; parking facilities; landscaping; and sustainability
Location:/Lleoliad: Defence Technical College : Zone 1 Main Gate, MOD St. Athan
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting the Church of St. Brise which is Grade II

Development that might affect the setting of a Conservation Area
Datblygiad a allai effeithio ar amgylchedd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00393/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Alteration and extension of existing building
Location:/Lleoliad: Brynheulog, Llangan
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Llangan

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00788/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolishing an existing add on building and associated outbuildings and create a new two storey extension to Highwalls Road. To the rear a new conservatory and porch to be added to existing building.
Location:/Lleoliad: Church House, 11, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Dinas Powys

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00818/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Installation of solar panels
Location:/Lleoliad: 50, Clive Place, Penarth
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00828/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed extension to existing garage and proposed part first floor extension to form 'granny annexe'
Location:/Lleoliad: Baytree House, Llanbethery
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Llanbethery

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00844/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed extension and refurbishment of existing dwelling
Location:/Lleoliad: Keepers House, Church Street, Llysworney
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Llysworney

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00849/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing stable block and toilet block. Construction of two storey extension to rear and alterations to existing listed building. Change of use to A1 Retail and Residential.
Location:/Lleoliad: 20, High Street, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Cowbridge

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995
GORCHYMYN CYNLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF (TREFN DATBLYGIAD CYFFREDINOL) 1995

Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest
Ceisiadau a allai fod o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol i'r Cyhoedd

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00747/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Use of land as a waste recycling centre
Location:/Lleoliad: Plot adjacent to Unit 6, Vale Industrial Park, Llandow

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00769/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Reserved Matters submission in accordance with planning permission 2009/00500/OUT for a proposed Defence Technical College (DTC), in respect of Zone 1 (DTC Main Gate) incorporating matters including: - buildings (Church and World Faith; Gurkha Temple; Guardhouse; Sentry box; Gate House and Museum); access; parking facilities; landscaping; and sustainability
Location:/Lleoliad: Defence Technical College : Zone 1 Main Gate, MOD St. Athan

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00799/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing joinery and glass factory and construction of ten, two and three bedroom linked houses, with off street parking and private gardens
Location:/Lleoliad: P & A Joinery & Glazing, Herbert Street and Gilbert Street, Barry

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00817/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of a new five bedroom private detached dwelling set back off the main road, within its own grounds
Location:/Lleoliad: Castle Lodge, Henso

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00834/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Erection of stables (nos. 79 to103), lean to hay barn, resiting of temporary dwelling and its treatment plant, garden shed and gas tank, extension to staff rest room/office facilities and provision of staff/visitor parking area, use of existing access
Location:/Lleoliad: Pant Wilkin Stables, Llanquian Road, Aberthin

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00875/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Reserved Matters submission in accordance with planning permission 2009/00500/OUT for a proposed Defence Technical College (DTC), in respect of Zone 5 (DTC Training) incorporating matters including: - buildings; access; parking facilities; landscaping; and sustainability
Location:/Lleoliad: Defence Technical College : Zone 5 Picketston South, MOD St Athan

Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way/Ceisiadau a allai effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00802/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Outline application for dwelling with annex and garage for manager/proprietor of Pant Wilkin Stables, with treatment plant and access included
Location:/Lleoliad: Pant Wilkin Stables, Llanquian Road, Aberthin

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00834/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Erection of stables (nos. 79 to103), lean to hay barn, resiting of temporary dwelling and its treatment plant, garden shed and gas tank, extension to staff rest room/office facilities and provision of staff/visitor parking area, use of existing access
Location:/Lleoliad: Pant Wilkin Stables, Llanquian Road, Aberthin

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00873/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new dormer bungalow with self contained area for aged parents
Location:/Lleoliad: Holm View Cottage, Pen-y-Turnpike Road, Dinas Powys

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PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS ROUND-UP

Smugglers, and a Highwayman on trail of Vale's medieval pubs

ON an overcast Sunday morning, with dark clouds looming overhead, four walkers and Jodie the dog joined guest leaders Diane and Linda in East Aberthaw at the start of their pubs of the Vale walk.

The start was from the lovely old thatched pub the Blue Anchor, which took its name from the blue marl or mud that coated the anchors of the vessels that anchored in the nearby Aberthaw bay.

It is not hard to believe that this medieval pub, which first opened in 1380, with its tiny windows, low ceilings, narrow staircases and open fires, didn't have its fair share of smugglers and naughty goings on!

The group walked up Port Road past the massive Aberthaw quarry towards Nurston, turning off just before they reached the Highwayman and following the lane to a stile where they picked up the Valeways Millennium Heritage Trail.

By now, the sun had put in an appearance but there was a rather hefty wind blowing, but still topcoats were hastily discarded as they crossed harvested fields behind Cardiff International Airport to reach the quiet lane just south of Penmark.

A few sleepy cows who were more interested in lying down to keep their patch dry as the skies turned grey once again, ignored the small group as they passed through their field and by a narrow track between houses made their way to the Six Bells Inn at Penmark, where they received a warm welcome and stopped for morning tea, coffee and a few glasses of the hard stuff!

Refreshed, it was time to move on by field then downhill on a slippery path through the small wood to negotiate a broken stile and chat to a young family whom, it would seem had trouble in finding their way to get to this location

Crossing the River Waycock by bridge, the group gradually climbed out of the valley and via a gate reached Penn-onn.

Remaining on the Heritage Trail, they road-walked down to Llancarfan where the lovely old church is the central point of the village.

Dedicated to St Cadog, the original religious site was established around AD515, but the present building dates back to the 12th and 13th centuries and up on top of the tower, the weather vane represents a golden hind that legend says St Cadog sheltered in his cell.

Lunch was taken on the river bank beside the ford on the Nant Llancarfan in pleasant sunshine until interrupted by a short sharp shower and into topcoats once again.

Climbing gently out of the village the group entered sheep-filled meadows below Pancross and walked through the steep-sided valley to emerge at Penmark.

Here they walked down beside the Kenson River through the valley until they turned off to make their way to Llancadle and a warm welcome at the Green Dragon, where cold drinks were sipped outside in warm sunshine.

Resisting the urge to put their feet up and linger a while in this pub that was rebuilt in 1990 following a fire.

The group retraced their steps as another shower fell, passing through the valley and over the River Kenson footbridge, to climb up through Castle Wood to Fonmon Estate land.

Reaching Fonmon village, they passed the pond where ducks were attempting to swim in not much water and made their way through the wood and across several broken stiles to once again reach Port Road, which they followed back to the Blue Anchor and a last cooling drink in brilliant sunshine before the journey home.

On September 4, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile hard walk from Llangynidr to the Chartist Cave; contact Barrie on 029 2053 0753.

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IN BRIEF

Wick show

WICK Horticultural Society holds its annual show at Wick Village Hall on Saturday, September 4, at 2pm.

Classes for vegetables, fruit, cut flowers, floral arrangements, cookery and children's section. Admission 50p.

Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge with Llanblethian will hold a charity coffee morning on Saturday, September 4, in the Mayor's Parlour.

The homemade cakes have been much appreciated, so if you have still to try them, don't miss out on September 4!

'Family and Friends' land prestigious skittles Cup in memory of Olga Collins

ABOVE: The winners of the Olga Collins Skittles Memorial Challenge Cup were 'Family and Friends'.

THE final of the Olga Collins Skittles Memorial Challenge took place on August 25 at the Railway Club in Barry.

The competition was open to anyone in Barry, with ladies and men's mixed teams. In all, 68 teams competed for the trophy.

The Olga Collins Cup started in 1980 when Olga, who was secretary of the Barry Ladies League, passed away. Her family started the tournament as it had been a wish before she died.

The prize of the prestigious cup and £250 went to the winners 'Family and Friends', and the runners-up trophy and £100 went too 'Spacefinders'.

ABOVE:
The gallant runners-up 'Space Finders'.

It's six of the best for St Athan FC!

ST ATHAN FC Reserves couldn't have had a better start to their Vale of Glamorgan Football League season, with a resounding 6-1 victory against Wenvoe Exiles at home on Saturday.

Straight from the off, Saints signalled their intent with an early goal from Austin, muscling his way through the Exiles defence to latch on to a long ball.

The strength of Saints midfield, particularly the central pairing of Charles and Pope, gave a firm foundation for this performance.

Pope, in particular, harried and challenged for every ball, allowing Charles to spread the play wide. On the left, the young debutant Goodwin provided ample support to the front men, as did the right sided Geldard.

Fellow forward Howell was similarly threatening to the Exiles' defence with his pace and power, and it was no surprise when Saints went two up midway through the first half, again through Austin.

At the change of ends, the managerial pairing of Wolfe and Grundy urged more of the same from Saints, and they duly obliged, with Austin completing his hat-trick shortly after the restart.

Saints' goalkeeper MacDonald marshalled his centre-half pairing of Swift and George, ensuring that the Exiles infrequent attempts on goal remained futile. Full-backs Ball and Walters drove on their wide midfielders to keep on the pressure on the visitors.

A double attacking substitution of Hughes and Rogers replaced Charles and Howell, and they continued to turn the screw on the Exiles. Saints duly obliged with a brace from Goodwin, turning in Hughes's saved effort on goal, followed by a delightful first time chip over the onrushing Exiles 'keeper.

He left to thunderous applause from the home crowd to be replaced by substitute Payne. The final minutes saw a fourth from Austin to seal victory, although the Exiles got a consolation for their efforts.

A fine display was served up by the home team, and even a last-minute open-goal miss from Rogers couldn't take the gloss of an impressive performance.

St Athan FC wish to thank their sponsors Green Futures, plus Roy and Cindy at the Four Bells for all their support.

JG

Finals day concludes a full season for Romilly

ROMILLY Bowling Club held its finals day and the results were as follows:

Other results	Winners	Runners-up
Ladies Novices Trophy	J Clarke	S O'Donovan
Ladies Handicap	M Werner	M Newman
Ladies 2 Wood Singles	M Newman	B Holmes
Ladies Triples	B Holmes A Johnston M Lalande	P Price G Clarke J Donovan
Ladies Rinks	R Jones S O'Donovan M Lalande P Price	N Goodrich B Freeman G Clarke M Werner
Men's 4 wood Pairs	G Rees and H Jones	D Ford and D Wright
Men's Mottram Cup	B Gough	A Burdge
Men's 2 Wood Singles	A Freeman	Mel Newman
Men's Handicap	D Wright	Mel Newman
Men's Tim Evans Trophy	A Freeman	H Jones
Men's Triples	R Cowling, C Geen, K Clements.	A Freeman, J Jones, M Gershenson.
Men's Rinks	A Bryan, C Geen, T Bloomfield, M Gershenson.	R Blueit, M Doyle, G Eastment, K Westgate jnr.

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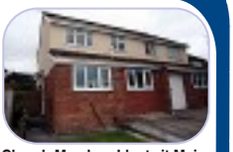

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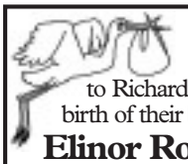

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FRAMPTON AND LLANMAES FLOOD STORAGE AREA WORKS

The Environment Agency Wales gives notice that it proposes to carry out improvement works to the flood defences on Llanmaes Brook in Frampton and Llanmaes between Frampton Flood Storage Area (NGR SS9734869648) and Llanmaes Flood Storage Area (NGR SS9857068962), a distance of 1.5 kilometres. The proposed improvement works will involve the following: The replacement and extension of the existing spillway structure at Frampton Flood Storage Area. This, alongside the installation of new erosion control measures on the spillway and at the point of re-entry into the channel, will reduce the erosion potential of the water on the structure and channel banks. In addition to this, the works will also involve the replacement of the current spillway erosion control measures at the downstream Llanmaes Flood Storage Area.

The Environment Agency Wales considers that the improvement works are not likely to have significant effects on the environment and does not intend to prepare an environmental statement in respect of them. Further information regarding the works can be provided by contacting the Project Manager, in writing, at the address below.

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Stags celebrate league title in day of destiny

NATHAN BAKER'S Barry Athletic First XI went into the season finale, against Newbridge CC, knowing that only five points were needed to guarantee promotion to Division Two of the Glamorgan & Monmouthshire Cricket League and with a 'corker' of a match taking place at Llanrumney University Fields, between Welsh Asians CC and Vale CC, the chances of promotion were pretty high.

The Barry Oval was packed out for this crucial match with plenty of sunshine. Barry began in steady fashion, with Nathan Baker and Damon Leake looking to battle through the tricky batting conditions. Things were looking good, with boundaries being hit at regular intervals, until Leake got a 'pearler' of a ball and was bowled by James Baker.

The youngster claimed another scalp as ex-captain, Ian Gadd, drove the ball straight to mid-off and was caught for a duck.

Things went from bad to worse as Lee Morgan was unluckily bowled after the ball kept extremely low, for 15.

Lady Luck looked to have deserted the Stags, as they suffered another double blow after Ashley Baker and Scott Hopkins both departed with 'debateable' lbw decisions, which left the Stags in a desperate position, at 47-5.

Things looked bleak for the Stags and the signs of a disappointing score were on the cards. However, with Baker still in the middle there was still a chance that the Stags could post a competitive score and that's just what happened.

Along with Anjan Ganapathy (48 n/o) a vital and match-winning partnership was formed with runs being consistently scored, from the bat.

Baker played a captain's innings and just showed how much of a class-act he is, with the bat, and finished with a battling score of 90 not out as the Stags closed on 196-5 from their 50 overs.

The reply began in a controlled fashion, as the Newbridge batsmen failed to take the game to the Stags in the opening 20 overs with the score on just 58-0.

However, with wickets still in hand, the Stags could not afford to get complacent and with an inspired bowling change from the captain, Billy Usswald took his wicket tally to 32 for the season .

With three wickets down for the visitors (thanks to catches from Ashley Baker and Steve Jones), the Stags knew that they only needed one more wicket to secure promotion to Division Two.

It was a nervy end to the match for the Stags but with the deadly form of 'King of the Barry Oval', Steve Jones, and the fast reflexes from Peter Hellyar, which helped Jones claim the decisive wicket, promotion to Division Two was secured.

Two further wickets put the pressure on the visitors and it looked as if the Stags were going to close this match out with ease.

However, this wasn't the case as the Newbridge captain, James Morgan, and James Baker formed a quick fire partnership of 64 to bring the visitors within striking distance of pinching the match and spoiling the Stags' celebrations.

However, thanks to some tight overs from Hellyar and Jones, the Stags were able to grind out a 9-run victory and pop the champagne corks, as they celebrated not only promotion but the league title as well, after news broke that Vale had beaten the Welsh Asians by 63 runs.

Vale will join the Stags in Division Two, after pinching second place, via the head-to-head regulation after both sides finished with exact stats.

Barry Athletic CC would like to congratulate Lee and Ceri Morgan, after Ceri gave birth to Evie Lorraine Morgan, last week.

SECONDS

MARTIN BAKER took his Barry Athletic Second XI to promotion chasing Miskin Manor CC, knowing that they were under no pressure, with survival already secured.

With the ground looking damp and bowler friendly, Baker lost the toss and was asked to bat first.

After spending all season dazzling the crowds with the ball, Neil Holmes was given the task of opening the innings with Jophin Reji, and for the opening 10 overs both batsmen battled against the conditions very well, before Holmes was bowled and soon after, Reji. Phil Thomas soon followed.

Wickets were tumbling and there were worrying signs that the Stags were going to fall for a low total. With the score at 84-6, the signs were getting more worrying. The Stags battled to 129-7 from their 50 overs.

After the tea session, the home side began steadily with the bat and were scoring quite frequently.

Pritchard and Hybert were looking good with the bat and pressure was building on the Stags. Chances were very limited for the Stags. The Stags had to wait until the 27th over, when John Gee claimed the first wicket of the innings, after Pritchard 'skied' the ball to Reji.

This didn't stop Miskin Manor claiming the victory they needed for a chance of getting promoted to Division One and despite a wicket for Reji, after a fine catch from Simon Phillips, the home side reached their target with 13 overs to spare.

Eighteen points wasn't enough for Miskin Manor, to claim successive promotions, along with Radyr.

THIRDS

PANTEG won the toss and chose to field first.

Opening batsmen, Ashley Baker and Tom Ellis began really well as boundaries were hit at all angles. Both looked confident as they played their strokes and there were signs of a big partnership being formed. However, this partnership was broken in the 12th over when Baker was caught and bowled for 23. Ellis soon followed for 13 and the middle order was exposed.

Despite the two quick wickets, vital mini-partnerships were formed and the Stags began to battle hard for a respectable total.

Jake Griffett (29), Jonathan Phillips (20) and Andy Ellis (13) all added useful runs to the total. Along with a little help from the extras column, it gave the Stags a fighting chance, as they were bowled out for 139.

After tea, the Stags began strongly with Griffett and Frost constantly putting the 'Hawks' under pressure and with the score at just 29-1 from 12 overs, the Stags were firmly in the match and were looking good for victory.

Wickets continued to fall, as bowlers Callum Twomey, Ashley Baker and Andy Ellis all contributed with wickets and the ever reliable director of Third XI cricket, Peter Phillips, continued with his economical bowling and kept the home side under pressure.

However, a match-winning partnership of 65 from 14.4 overs proved to be vital as Panteg A fought back to secure a 5-wicket win.

THANK YOU!

BARRY Athletic CC would like to thank all Stags who turned out at the Barry Oval, after Barry First XI's match with Newbridge, to celebrate another fine season which was highlighted by Barry First XI's first league title since 1987 – a fine achievement from the team.

The club would also like to thank Mark Wilshire and son, James, for providing the live music for the Stags' party and congratulate Mr and Mrs Mark Moulden after they got married on Saturday.

The chairman would like to thank, on behalf of the committee, all those who contributed to improving the facilities at the Barry Oval.

Big mentions go to Glan Williams and Ian Gadd for putting a lot of effort into the improvements.

However, a special mention goes to Mr Michael Gadd for performing nothing short of a miracle in improving the exteriors of the pavilion and helping the Stags to ensure promotion.

AB

BARRY COMPREHENSIVE NEWS ROUND-UP

School records tumble at Jenner Park event

ABOVE:
Pupils set a fast pace in the year-7 800m final.

THE inter-form athletics was held at Jenner Park in glorious sunshine, where competitors were joined by a large number of supporting parents.

Competitors represented their forms as well as houses in this year's athletics competition in a full range of events.

There were excellent performances throughout the day, involving highly contested heats and finals with excellent support and encouragement from fellow form and house members.

A number of school records were broken, namely Matthew Collins, 11.96m in the year-9 triple jump, Aaron Reid, 23.2 sec in the year-10 200m and Elliot Morris-Devred in the year-7 75m hurdles.

Thanks to Jenner Park for helping us stage the event and especially to Mr Foscolo, the groundsman, who is retiring this year.

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ABPVE: Matthew Edwards leads the way in the year-10 800 metres.

Ben Williams (year-7) in the high jump.

Curtis Jones (year-8) shows good technique in the long jump.

Alex Lemon in the year-10 long jump.

Amin Ullah in the year-7 75 hurdles.

Pupils say farewell at valedictory dinner

ONE of the highlights of the Barry Sixth Form calendar is the annual valedictory dinner, where students get together for the last time to celebrate the end of their secondary education.

This year's event at the Novotel Hotel provided a fitting conclusion to sixth form life with entertaining speeches and good company.

ABOVE: A scene of enjoyment (tinged with sadness!) at the Barry Sixth Form valedictory dinner 2010.

Cowbridge start new season by taking three hard-fought points

COWBRIDGE TOWN	**3**
DOCKERS FC	**2**

COWBRIDGE Town FC produced a typically determined display to kick off their new season in Division One with three points against a solid Dockers FC.

After an impressive pre-season which had seen Cowbridge pick apart numerous high-class opposition, confidence was flowing through the town ranks in anticipation of another good term, following the promotion and cup heroics of last season.

It was a jittery start from the red and blacks, and Dockers FC had a good spell of early pressure, which although easily dealt with by the Cowbridge defence, signified the match would be no walkover for the promoted side.

After settling in, however, Cowbridge began playing some of the football, which brought them success last season, stroking it around despite a testing surface at the Bear Field.

Ironically, it took the most route one approach possible to break the deadlock. However, a ranging punt from Cowbridge stopper Ian Bavey forced a comical headed flick-on from the Dockers' centre-half to loop over his helpless goalkeeper.

The goal spurred Cowbridge on, and they began to control things from midfield. Chances were being created and missed, however, when first Gethin Still and then Mark Rollings, with an unlikely overhead kick, went close to doubling the advantage.

When the whistle went for the break, Town may have wondered how they hadn't taken the chances to increase a slender advantage.

They were left ruing their profilacy in front of goal early in the second half when a fizzing free kick cracked off the under side of the bar and fell into the path of the onrushing striker, who tapped in a simple finish to level the scores.

Although rattled, Cowbridge Town are made of sterner stuff these days and set about restoring their advantage.

It didn't take long and after fantastic work rate from Lloyd Lewis to chase down a lost cause, Jack Gavin finished well to give Town the lead once more.

The drama was far from over, however, as Dockers came back at Cowbridge once again, and a dangerous cross avoided Cowbridge defenders and was finished well at the back post.

With just minutes left to play, the goal seemed set to leave Cowbridge ruing missed opportunities. Consistent pressure on the Dockers' tiring defence finally saw a ball sit up for Gethin Still, who enhanced his reputation for scoring important goals, as the midfielder's left-footed volley swung away from the 'keeper and into the Dockers net.

With a couple of minutes to play, late efforts from the Dockers to get level for a third time were mopped up by the town defence and the referee's whistle signalled a good three points for the Red and Blacks.

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Elite swimmers head for Delhi

BARRY's David Davies and Bridgend's Sarah Lougher are among the 16 swimmers named in what has been described as Wales' strongest-ever swim squad for a Commonwealth Games.

The swimmers who have booked their flights to Delhi are: Jazmin Carlin, Swansea Intensive Training Centre; David Davies, City of Cardiff Swim Club; Georgia Davies, Swansea Intensive Training Centre; Thomas Haffield, City of Cardiff Swim Club; Georgia Holderness, Millfield School; Robert Holderness, Millfield School/ Florida State University; Ieuan Lloyd, City of Cardiff Swim Club; Sara Lougher, Swansea Intensive Training Centre/Bridgend County; Marco Loughran, University of Florida/ Guildford City Swim Club; Jemma Lowe, University of Florida; Sian Morgan, City of Bradford Swim Club; Jennifer Oldham, Swansea Performance; David Roberts, Caerphilly County Swim Club; Danielle Stirrat, City of Cardiff Swim Club; Alys Thomas, Swansea Performance; Lowri Tynan, Loughborough Intensive Training Centre.

Coaches – Martyn Woodroffe, David Haller, Bud McAllister, Stuart McNarry. Team manager – Jenny Shaw.

Four years ago in Melbourne, Team Wales took three medals from the pool. David Davies thrilled the Welsh nation when he stormed to gold in the 1,500m freestyle and bronze in the 400m freestyle.

He said: "I'm really looking forward to Delhi. It's the big target for me this year and I'm looking forward to defending my title. It's certainly going to be tough and Canada's Ryan Cochrane will be the one to watch.

"It's a pretty special feeling to represent Wales and there's nothing quite like the Commonwealth Games. The team spirit within the Welsh camp in Melbourne was really motivating."

Season ends with Cavaliers' anniversary celebration

BANK holiday Monday saw the Cavaliers celebrate their 35th anniversary with a match between the president's and chairman's teams.

The chairman's team got off to a poor start when James Snelson was bowled first ball by Aaron Vincent, who then bowled Julian Griffiths for 16. When Harry Withers and Ben Jenkins were out to successive deliveries from Richard Kelly, the innings was floundering. Only Sam Pickford looked confident and retired on 30.

With the president giving a fine impression of Shane Warne, taking three wickets for only five runs, Sam Pickford returned to hit four sixes in a belligerent 53 not out, with the innings closing on 109 after 20 overs.

The president's reply started badly when Mike Hadlow called Dave Price for a quick single, but the 'Silver Fox' was run out without facing a ball.

Mike was then joined by club captain Nigel Allison, who decided running was not an option on such a warm day and with a flurry of boundaries, both batsman retired on 30.

Julian Griffiths' two wickets only cost 10 runs and the president's first innings totalled 108 after 20 overs.

After an excellent lunch, Ben Jenkins and Harry Withers opened the batting for the second innings and Ben was quickly bowled by Aaron Vincent for one.

New batsman Tom Pritchard and Harry found the going tough against the experienced bowling and both fell to catches trying to up the scoring rate.

A quick 34 retired from Julian Griffiths did so, before James Snelson (26) and Sam Pickford (28 not out) who showed his father Ed no respect with a display of six hitting.

Simon Jones was again the best of the bowlers with 1 for 10 runs.

The president's team were set to score 131 runs in their second innings to win.

The youthful chairman's team were confident when Steve Jenkins quickly fell to the pace of Scott Wheatley but with the chatter increasing, Phil Vincent and Richard Kelly took the attack to the youngsters and with Phil retiring on 30 and Richard making 25, the scene was set for the club president to show his batting class.

Rolling back the years, Simon nudged and nurdled and with a belligerent Dave Russell at the other end, the target was quickly reduced.

When Dave fell for 22 in the last over with only two needed and five balls remaining, Simon was joined by fellow original Cavalier, Ed Pickford.

Undaunted by Julian Griffiths' pace, Ed quickly turned a tasty tickle to the boundary to see his side home with Simon 28 not out.

The club would like to thank everyone who played, and especially those who travelled from away and those who hadn't played for many years. Under a hot sun all day, Ed's barbecue was a fitting end to a very successful season.

Would all members note, the AGM is on Sunday, September 19 at the clubhouse at 6.30pm.

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CALLING ALL CLUB OFFICIALS!

● *WE welcome your match reports, club news and other items of interest. Please send them to the Editorial Department at: ggem@internet-today.co.uk*

Rhydian's record is the highlight of enjoyable day

RIGHT: Guest Rhydian Harris, winner Glyn Watts-Jones, sponsor Mark Brown and society captain Gino Cocco.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday at Llanishen Golf Club.

Sponsored by Llantwit Major-based estate agents Anthony Brown & Company, it attracted 48 competitors, all hoping to win the Anthony Brown Cup.

The members' section was keenly contested, with just three points separating the top four.

In first place was Glyn Watts-Jones with 36 points, just seeing off the challenge of Trevor Wooding who, despite failing to score on the last two holes, finished runner-up, also with 36 points.

Bryan Owen finished third with 35 points, and Keith James fourth with 33 points. Gwyn Thomas, with 21 points on the front nine, once again threatened the leaderboard but could only finish with 31 points.

The par five 10th hole with its steep incline to the green caused quite a few problems for a number of members.

Failure to safely negotiate the slippery surface caused problems for both Reg Davies and David Williams, while Bryan Wadham was particularly unlucky when a slipped fan belt on his motorised mode of transport brought a premature end to his round.

At the same hole, two other members, Aubrey Bowen and Tim Jarvis (twice) made notable contributions when their teeshots nearly succeeded in increasing the air conditioning in the roof of the nearby clubhouse.

Godfrey Lewis, who the previous evening had appeared on the BBC's national television news channel regarding dormice crossing the Church Village by-pass, won the 'James Hog Roast's' sponsored longest drive competition and Aubrey Bowen returned home with the Premier Turf-sponsored prize when correctly guessing 42 balls would fail to return home. This resulted in £70 being raised for the Llantwit Major Lifeguards fund.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Arwyn John, Trevor Wooding (two), Carl Brown, Keith Wilding and Reg Davies.

Local residents John Rees and Alun Husband joined a large number of guests who ensured this section would be keenly contested, and when Daniel Jarvis returned to the clubhouse with 40 stableford points, many thought this would prove a winning score.

Unfortunately for Daniel, Andrew Hilditch then returned with 41 points – only to be followed into the clubhouse by Rhydian Harris who returned 44 points. Playing off a handicap of four, Rhydian finished with a gross 64 that undoubtedly was a record score for the society. Well done Rhydian.

Society members are now looking forward to the annual 54-hole competition for the David Evans (Agriculture) Ltd trophy, played over three days which takes place on three different courses in south Devon.

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Barry Athletic bowlers look forward to domestic finals

BARRY Athletic's PG1 side ended their poor run of form in style with an 84 – 71 win over Bridgend at Barry Island last Saturday.

Beaten in their last three games, the Athletic produced a vastly improved all-round display to collect 12 points and gain revenge for their defeat at Bridgend earlier in the summer.

Top rink honours went to captain Geoff Whittaker, who skipped his line-up to a 26-17 win in a squad featuring Jack Beanland, Colin Spillane and young Luke Stanley.

Robert Horgan's rink, which included three young players – Steve McKernan, Dan Jones and Kristian Harris, came home with a comfortable 21-14 success.

Dean Rees, whose match bowling is restricted to weekends due to work commitments, rallied his side to a 21-15 victory, after trailing 5-12, and eventually destroyed the visitors' young rink with a series of outstanding woods.

Dean's No 3, Ben Parrish, enjoying an excellent first season with Barry Athletic, played his part, bowling with consistent accuracy when under pressure.

The Athletic have one PG1 match to complete their fixtures – at home against Cardiff Athletic on a date yet to be announced.

The PG2 squad, still in with a chance of promotion, have two remaining games – against Barry Plastics on September 9 and leaders Aberdare Harlequins on September 11.

This weekend, the club's domestic finals take place at Barry Island in a full day of competition.

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Evan wins Ffos Las feature race

ON AND OFF THE TURF
with Brian Lee

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams landed the feature race at Ffos Las last Friday with his promising five-year-old bay gelding *West With The Wind,* who was recording his third consecutive course win at Britain's newest racecourse in the Totexacta Flexi Betting Chase and in doing so, set a course record.

The favourite *Grand Lahou*, trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, and ridden by Richard Johnson, set a cracking pace, only to fall at the eighth fence.

West With The Wind, ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, went on to win by one and a half-lengths from *Yellow Flag,* partnered by the legendary A P McCoy.

West With The Wind, a 7-1 chance, carried a hefty top weight of 11st 12lb and Williams said: "It was a mighty weight-carrying performance from a novice. We will probably keep him in novice company for now and have an eye on something in the autumn, possibly a race at Ayr which we won with *Deep Purple*.

"Then we will give him a good long break through the winter as he does appreciate good ground, and bring him back for a spring campaign.

"The great thing about him is that he is still learning about the game."

At Cartmel on Saturday, the Tim Vaughan trained *Ben's Folly*, owned by Cardiff bookmaker David Lovell, and ridden by Richard Johnson, ran out an easy winner of the opening novices hurdle race.

Ben's Folly, a five-year-old chesnut gelding by *Beneficial*, was backed from 11-4 to 2-1.

Photographs of the following point-to-pointers are needed to illustrate my book on Welsh horse racing's gambles and scandals – *Up The Spout*, *Jymario*, *Nearly Noble*, *Gunner Boon* and *Margam Abbey*.

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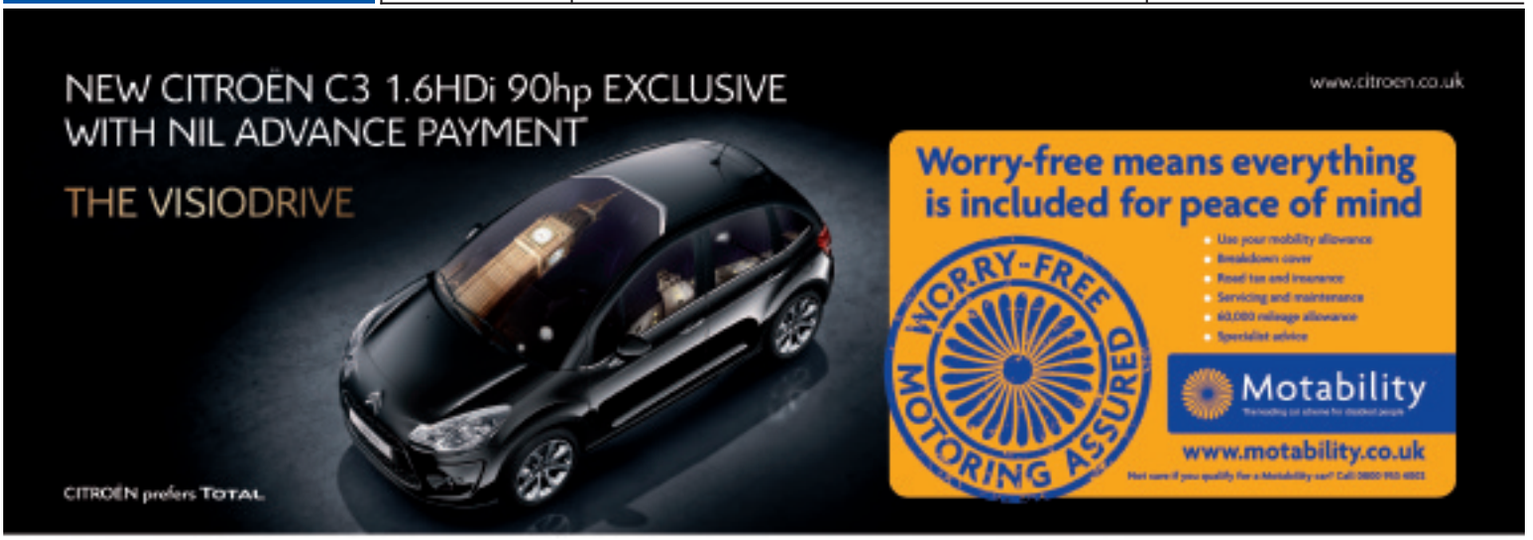

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Visitors from Gwent take members and guests prize

LEFT: The winning team with lady captain Lorraine Pointon-Bell.

COTTRELL Park Ladies held their 'Members and Guests' day recently on the Mackintosh course in a team stableford with the best two scores out of three to count.

There was the usual welcome at the halfway house with cakes, savouries and Pimms to help them on their way.

Unfortunately, as the day progressed, the weather changed and became very unpleasant by mid-afternoon, with torrential rain.

Some of the afternoon ladies did not manage to complete the competition and were thoroughly soaked.

The prize giving by the ladies' captain Lorraine Pointon Bell, saw the first team prize go to Toots Plant with her guests Sally Ward (Rolls of Monmouth) and Moyra Hamond (St Pierre) with 83 points.

Second place went to Liz Overton, with guests Pat Cinus and Maria Driscoll (Glamorganshire) with 80 points,.

Third was Jan Cosby with guests Jill Davies (Coed-y-Mwstwr) and Alison Lewis (Pyle and Kenfig) with 79.

Nearest the pin was won by Moyra Hamond and the longest drive 0-27 handicap, went to Helen Little (Cottrell Park) and the 28-36 handicap to Barbara Watts (Brynhill).

CB

COWBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB NEWS UPDATE

Ferndale BC prove to be a tough test

PLAYING their last league game at home last Saturday, the Cowbridge men's team faced Ferndale, one of the best teams in Wales.

Ferndale were beaten finalists in the Carruthers Shield earlier this month and had only lost one league game this season.

Winning league games at home has been the norm for Cowbridge, but Ferndale were a big test.

At the tea interval, Cowbridge only had a three shot lead overall but Ferndale then proved that good players can play on any surface.

Even leads, when instructed, were able to drive and kill an end, but in its all-round play, Ferndale were the better team.

Although Cowbridge won on one rink by one shot and lost an another by only one shot, they lost overall by 88 – 71.

This was the first time that Cowbridge had lost a league game at home since the club was formed 14 years ago.

Despite this, it was a privilege to have played against such a fine team.

All those that played for Cowbridge last Saturday will remember this game and talk about it for some years to come.

Rink scores were as follows:

Rink one – Mansel Davey, Brian Elsey, John Jones and Dennis Snelling 17 – Ferndale 24.

Rink two – Ron Frayling, Colin Wilson, John Trott and Roger Barwick 21 – Ferndale 20.

Rink three – Charles Sanders, Steve Dickens, Michael Bradley and Norman Wilkinson 19 – Ferndale 20.

Rink four – Terry Dunsworth, Roger Brewer, Brian Kent and Byron Richards 14 – Ferndale 24.

Cowbridge ended the season in fifth position in Division Two and Ferndale, with two games still to play, are a safe bet to be promoted as champions to the Premier Division.

MB

IN BRIEF

Meet the Greyhounds

MEET the Greyhounds with Greyhound Welfare outside Cowbridge Town Hall between 11am-3pm on Saturday, September 4.

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Barry Youth in big victory

LAST season saw a resurgent Barry Youth build on strong foundations set by coaches Steve Isaacs and Ray Gallivan.

A strong junior section is now feeding in to the youth, and the coaches set the boys the challenge of winning the league and gaining promotion.

It was nail biting to the end, as the league decider came down to the final match of the season against Cowbridge.

The previous time the teams had met had resulted in a 3-3 draw, so when Barry beat Cowbridge 33–nil, its was a firm testament to how hard the boys had worked in training.

The score did not reflect how well Cowbridge played and the game was played in great spirit. As a result, Barry gained promotion to the BC league.

The youth were invited for a season opener at a 10-a-side tournament at Pencoed, with lots of Ospreys region teams entered.

It was a good measure of how the boys have shaped up, with lots of new additions to the team. Barry entered two teams in the pool stages.

In torrential rain, both teams won easily, with only two tries conceded. It was exciting to see how the older youth boys took the newer lads under their wings and nobody watching from the side lines would have guessed that these boys hadn't been playing together for years.

Following some discussion at the end of the pool stages between the tournament committee and the Barry coaches, it was decided that Barry would skip the semi finals and play as a combined team for the finals.

This was supported unanimously by the players who didn't really want to run the risk of playing each other in the final and thought it was more fitting to play the final as one team.

The final saw Barry play Pencoed Youth. The first half was hard and fast rugby, with both sides playing an expansive game.

With hindsight, perhaps Pencoed should have tried to slow it down and play through their larger forwards.

The second half was dominated by Barry and a number of unanswered tries were run in. Einan Scott, who by now had fully adjusted to the drop goal conversions, was slotting them over with no trouble.

Barry notched up an eight try win with six conversions. Well Done to all the Barry squad on this fine win. Nobody could ask for a better start to a season!

Squad:Richard O'Sullivan, Luke O'Sullivan, Ethan Dicks, Darren Deguerra, Chris West, Ryan Case, Joe Starbuck, Adam Wheeler, Kelvin, Andrew Wakefield, Rhys Thomas, Jake Connelly, Rhidian Mepham, Einan Scott, Jan Lewis, Sion Vidal, Tom Ellis, Andre Williamson and Sam Booker (on loan from Llantwit Major RFC).

A special thank you to the injured players (Joe Gallivan and Mike Hamonda) and friends and family who travelled up to support the boys in such awful weather.

Anyone interested in training with Barry Youth should contact Miff Connelly on 07846 397 535. Training times are at Barry RFC, Reservoir Fields, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm. Old and new Players are welcome.

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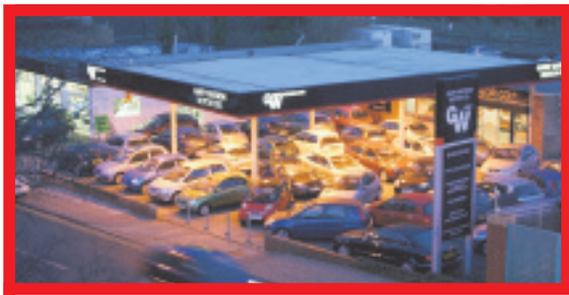

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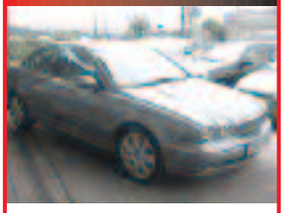

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COWBRIDGE CRICKET ROUND UP

The first XI misses out on promotion due to 'inherent weaknesses'

FOR the last game of the 2010 season, Cowbridge First XI travelled to Llanelli, still hoping that a victory would secure promotion to Division One.

However, this proved to be a forlorn hope as they crashed to defeat, a result of their inherent weaknesses, rather than the superiority of the opposition.

Playing such a crucial match without three front-line batsmen rather hampered them, but they did their best. Michael Lloyd took over the captaincy in the absence of the club skipper, won the toss and decided to bat, mindful of the extra points available if a victory ensues after batting first.

However, the plan backfired as the Cowbridge batsmen managed only 143 runs, certainly not enough to put the home side under any real pressure. Yet again, as has been the case throughout the season, only two or three batsmen were relied upon to score the runs.

On this occasion Adam Wood (47), Nick Davies (37) and Michael Lloyd (31) stepped up to the mark. The others were guilty of failing to use the allocation of overs. It is obvious that this team will not be able to compete at a higher level until other batsmen can be counted upon to contribute on a regular basis.

Having the luxury of the extra overs, the home team proceeded to win the game rather too easily, losing just six wickets in the 'run chase'.

Nick Davies was the outstanding bowler, claiming 4 for 45 in 14 overs, while Adam Wood took two catches to add to his outstanding total for the season.

The captain for the day commented: "Poor batting and fielding let us down today, but we look forward to making sure of promotion next year."

It is a matter of record that throughout the season the weight of scoring runs fell on the shoulders of just two batsmen, and six out of nine games were won in the first half of the season and only one out of nine in the second half.

Despite the weight of this evidence, it is still possible to look optimistically towards next season. Cowbridge First XI is a very young side, probably the youngest in divisions one and two, and with maturity and the experience they have gained this year they will surely improve.

The captains and players of all the club's teams thank you for your support through the season, and wish you a healthy winter with the fervent hope that next summer will be even better.

DL

SECONDS END THE SEASON ON A HIGH WITH VICTORY

THE season came to end with Cowbridge entertaining Llanelli at the Athletic Ground on a bright and blustery day.

Cowbridge, whose side contained a blend of youth and experience, were keen to end the season on a high note. On a wicket that was a little damp, the Llanelli captain, upon winning the toss, had no hesitation in bowling first.

Cowbridge got off to an excellent start with John Brazier and Richard Finucane putting together a fine opening stand. Both dealt with the new ball well and, with a combination of good running between the wickets and fine shot selection, they put on nearly 40 runs.

Unfortunately, at this point John Brazier was out, but his efforts had set the tone for the Cowbridge innings. Chris Brace joined Richard at the crease and continued to push the score along.

With Richard departing for a well-made 17, Jonty Webb came to the wicket with the score at 45 for 2 and proceeded to build an excellent partnership with Chris.

As has been the norm this season, Chris again batted extremely well on a difficult wicket against some good bowling and with Jonty, diligent in defence and precise in attack, the score continued to rise.

Jonty finally went with the score at 90, but Chris Brace and Chris Ross continued to push the rate along until Chris Brace was out for a very well made 31.

It was at this point that the Cowbridge innings stalled. Wickets tumbled in quick succession, which resulted in Cowbridge only managing to reach 130 off their 50 overs.

The feeling was that this was 20 to 30 runs short and the home side would have to bowl very well to stop Llanelli from reaching this target.

The fact was that Cowbridge did indeed bowl very well, and this was entirely down to the exploits of John Gilbert and Harri Collier. The Llanelli batsmen simply could not cope as both bowled an immaculate line and length; giving away nothing which resulted in the score crawling to only 55 runs off the first 25 overs with the loss of nine wickets.

Harri finished with 3 for 37 off his 15 overs and John Gilbert 6 for 17 off his 15 overs. This bowling performance was supplemented by excellent fielding from the junior and senior members of the side.

Matthew Keating, aged 12, making his debut in the Seconds, together with 12-year-old Sam Walter, fielded brilliantly with David Webb, 62 years young, stopping everything that came his way.

Llanelli knew that victory was a long shot and, despite a later rally, Cowbridge took the final wicket to bowl Llanelli out for 82.

This was an excellent victory to top off a fine season for Cowbridge Seconds. There have been some outstanding individual performances throughout the season: the bowling of John Gilbert, Harri Collier, James Thomas, Jamie Pursey, Rhydian Harris and Chris Cox has been of a very high standard.

On the batting front, the performances of Chris Brace have been consistently good with telling contributions also from Jonty Webb throughout the season, as well as fine contributions from Sam Wood, Harri Collier, Alastair Brace, Alex Kurobasa and Gethin Davies.

The presence of the vastly experienced Collin White has been invaluable to all concerned, especially to Jonty in his full season as skipper. However, what has pleased the captain most has been the commitment levels from all those who have been involved.

Every player has applied himself admirably on the field, not letting his head drop when the going has got tough, and always giving 100 per cent.

The blend of youth and experience in the side has created an atmosphere that encourages enjoyable cricket, but also allows the younger members of the side to experience senior cricket and improve their games.

Mention must be made of Jeff Davies who, as ever, scored diligently, and to the parents and supporters who came and watched the side on a Saturday. The future looks very bright for Cowbridge Second XI, and the 2011 season cannot come soon enough!

JW

WRITE IN!
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Cowbridge RFC is gearing up for the new rugby season

COWBRIDGE RFC kicks off the new season this Saturday with the first XV entertaining Deri at home, and the second XV taking on Cardiff HSOB away, accompanied by the youth who play a friendly (kick off 2.30pm).

On Saturday, September 11, the first XV travel to Cefn Coed while the seconds are at home to Llanishen, the youth take on Llanishen at home in the Cup.

Cowbridge RFC offers an opportunity for the young – and not so young – to play rugby in a very sociable environment. Good fun can be had on and off the field.

So why not come down and join in? If you come along, you will play. Remember you are a long time not playing. So play sport while you've got the chance!

Members are reminded that subs need to be paid promptly this year. There are a range of benefits, not least the opportunity to watch a full and exciting programme of autumn internationals involving all the tri-nation countries. First up are Australia in November. Members can also enjoy the Heineken Cup on Sky.

We look forward to seeing you this coming season.

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Sometimes you need more than a number. And whether it's opening hours or local discounts, chances are it's in your Yellow Pages.

Saving money is a snip

It really does pay to stay local. Your Yellow Pages now includes page after page of money-off coupons for a huge selection of local businesses and services from cleaning to garage services.

Menus glorious menus

In the mood for food? Then Yellow Pages should be your first stop. It covers restaurants and takeaways to suit every budget and taste. You'll even find a mouthwatering selection of menus to help you decide where to dine.

It's up your street

There are loads of great things about your area. And you'll find most of them in your Yellow Pages. There's travel information, local history and even ideas for Great Days Out.

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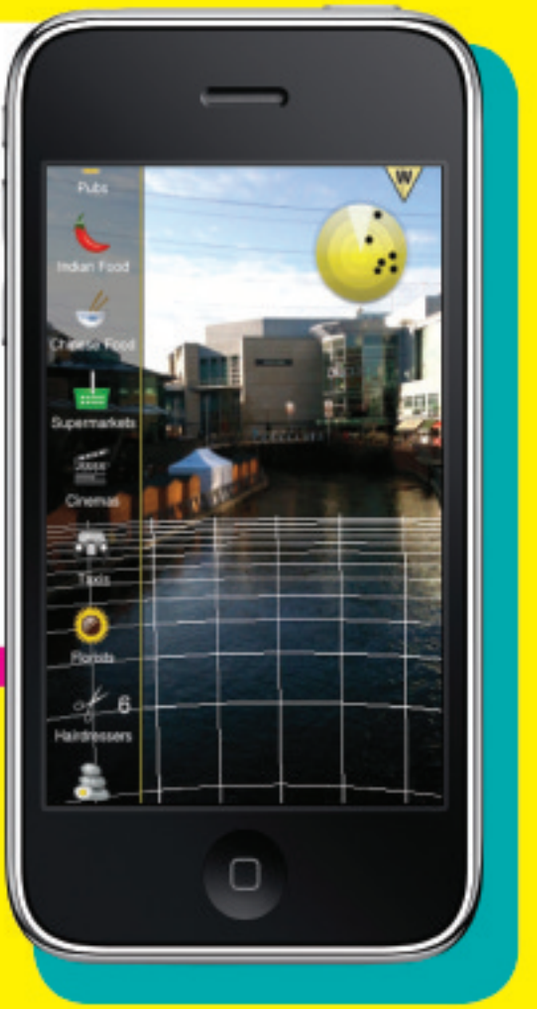
We've redesigned our website so it's quicker and easier to find what you're looking for. And we've included loads of new features too.

Downloadable mobile apps

Our mobile app is free to download from Yell.com or the Apple iTunes App Store. So why not take Yell.com with you wherever you go? The app is available for all types of handsets, so whenever you're out and about you'll still be able to search for popular local businesses. You can even view search results on a map and get directions.

See more with your iPhone

Plus, if you've got an iPhone, the app lets you 'see' information about local businesses and services using your iPhone's camera viewfinder. As you point your iPhone at a business or shop, information about it is displayed over the image on your screen. This allows you to view everything from phone numbers to opening hours - even when the business you're interested in is around the corner or in the next street.



Even more handy new features

Our new website is full of loads of useful features:

Our Video Channel lets you view a business so you can see if they're right for you. Loads of videos have already been uploaded showcasing shops, restaurants, hotels and beauty salons.

3D maps and Street cam let you see businesses from street level and from the air. You can use these handy tools to locate premises, find your favourite shops or even plan a trip around a city in a real, smooth 3D environment[6].

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